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Maradona No. 2 to face young 'Roos

Look out you young Aussies! Those of you in the under 16 team will be playing against Maradona in July.

No, not Diego Maradona. He's too old. His younger brother Hugo, whom Diego reckons to be even better than himself.

Yes, better, or at least promising to be better, than the great Diego, the one the Italians have dubbed Pibe de Oro (Golden Boy), the man who cost Napoli \$9 million and who is, without doubt, the biggest money earner in the game's history.

Young Hugo has an uncanny resemblance to his brother — in physique as well as in genius. And he appears to be following Diego's exact footsteps.

He starred in the recent South American under 16 championship for Argentina which beat Brazil 3-2 in the final to qualify for the world under 16 finals in China.

He seems destined to star for Argentina at youth level (under 20s) where Diego truly made his mark in the 1979 finals in Japan.

The Maradona bloodline must be reeking with soccer genes. There are three Maradonas, all three of them professional soccer players.

Raul of Boca

Least successful, so far, is Raul who is currently with Boca Juniors but is yet to make the first team.

Diego has always spoken about "an even better Maradona" the world has yet to see. It appears to be young Hugo.

In a recently published article, an Italian correspondent reported back from Argentina that the boy is a "real Maradona": chunky in build, with the same enthusiasm, the same vision in his passes and the same thundering free kicks.

The Argentine under 16 team is drawn in the same group as Australia in China. Others in Group B, based in Tianjin, are the Congo (I thought that country's been renamed Zaire) and West Germany.

Magician

The Aussies will be up against it, especially as the tournament may unearth yet another magician called Maradona — at Australia's expense.

Aussie coach Vic Dalglish was unaware of the Maradona connection before I broke it to him last week. Not that it would matter much. The under 16 set-up has no budget for spying missions and the like, and the only hope Dalglish has is an opportunity to see his opponents on video before the finals.

If Hugo Maradona is anywhere as talented as his illustrious brother, a thousand spying missions and videos would not help anyway.

Besides, what would the world be coming to if 16-year-old players were to start worrying about blotting players out of the game?

Diego Maradona, in the real

South American tradition, is a true family man. The tumultuous entourage of relatives that continually follows him around is legend in both Naples and Barcelona. His contract with Napoli, for instance, includes return airline tickets between Argentina and Italy for every member of his immediate family.



Doug Brown

And now
Brown
has a go

By
CRAIG
MACKENZIE

"This must be the only country in the world where the top scorer doesn't get into the national team."

No, this is not another attack on national coach Frank Arok from a South Melbourne Hellas player. No, the player involved, Doug Brown, wasn't "put up to it", one of many ridiculous claims following team mate Charlie Egan's revelations about the national team.

This simply is Brown telling it like it is. Unprompted, unabashed, and only speaking to me because I decided to interview him.

"I thought I had a big chance of going on the world tour last year. I'd just had probably my best season in Australia. The team won everything and I finished as leading league scorer, for the second year running."

But he wasn't invited to training camps before the world tour and when he phoned a national team staffer he was told Arok preferred "big, strong-running lads" and that a scoring chance Brown had harmed his chances of selection.

Brown, like most Melbourne players, is critical of what he sees as a Sydney bias in national team selection.

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Thus, when Diego talks about wanting to bring young Hugo to Italy, he can be taken seriously.

Italian journalists, and more than likely club scouts, are taking it seriously enough to already predict that the Maradona brothers, all three, will one day play in Italy, probably in the same club.

"We'd make a good team," says Diego.

But for that to happen, the Italian soccer people would have to legislate to allow three foreigners per team instead of two.

Given the success Diego has had at Naples, what is that when the reward is three Maradonas?



LES MURRAY



Hugo Maradona

Cut out my tongue — Egan

EDITORIAL

I disapprove of what you say but I will defend to the death your right to say it — VOLTAIRE

Philosophers through the ages have made a life's work of trying to elevate human thought through truth. Idealists have gone to the gallows and the guillotine for the sake of truth and personal freedom.

The American Declaration of Independence begins: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Liberty is the concept with which we are concerned when pondering the ASF's decision to fine Charlie Egan of SM-Hellas \$500 for expressing his opinions in the Press. Liberty means freedom from repression both overt and covert — especially intellectual freedom to say and think whatever one wishes to say or think. Laws of libel and slander are in place to protect those who might be harmed verbally by the over-zealous or the vindictive. Further controls on our personal liberty are unnecessary — indeed, they are abhorrent.

Going one step further, we would hazard to guess that the ASF's fine on Egan probably would prove illegal were it put to the test in a court of law.

Totalitarian societies have no time for freedom of speech. They are founded on repression and the last thing they want is complaints from the repressed. Former World Cup goalkeeper Jack Reilly, now a VSF board member, has spoken with concern about a "reign of fear" in relation to the workings of the national team through the years. An extension of Reilly's argument — be it accurate or gross exaggeration — would be that the \$500 fine is a further manifestation of that reign.

Egan inflicted punishment on himself in withdrawing from the national team and criticising the way it was run. He said representing Australia was one of the highlights of his career, yet he knows that as a consequence of his actions, he never again will strut the international stage. The ASF has the right to choose or exclude any player in putting together a national team. It should not, however, have the right to tamper with a player's personal liberties.

"I'll have to stop eating chocolate biscuits for a week and I'm hoping like hell that I can win the quaffle on the weekend."

That's how South Melbourne Hellas striker Charlie Egan reacted to news that the ASF had fined him \$500 for comments he made about the national team in an exclusive interview in "Soccer Action" two weeks ago.

"And if they fine me any more, I'll have to cut out my tongue," Egan added.

The ASF fined Egan on Saturday for "making public comments detrimental to soccer."

And the World Cup committee appointed NSL manager Stefan Kamasz, NSL vice-president Tony Kovac and NSW federation president John Constantine to further investigate Egan's withdrawal from the national team and his criticisms of the way the team is run.

As we went to press, we were unable to find out what form the further investigation would take but at the end of the investigation, Kamasz, Kovac and Constantine will recommend to the World Cup committee whether further action be taken.

Kovac had this to say on Monday, before knowing the frame of reference of the investigation:

"I've been in the game a long, long time and I've always believed that you need discipline. Anyone with complaints about the national team, even players, should write to the World Cup committee or phone them and they (the committee) will consider what to do about the complaints."

"But let's look at what evidence we can gather then we'll make recommendations to the World Cup committee. To tell you the truth, right now I'm more interested in Footscray getting new players and winning a few games."

Sydney Croatia poster — inside

'DAVO' AVAILABLE FOR SOCCEROOS



Alan Davidson

Alan Davidson declared this week that he definitely would be available to play for Australia in the World Cup qualifying games in September-October.

Davidson is in Melbourne visiting his parents during the English off-season. He plays for Nottingham Forest.

He still wears a fireglass vest due to a broken vertebra, but is confident he will be able to resume training with Forest in early July.

About the Socceroos, he said: "I am available as long as Frank Arok wants me."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

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Last week came the announcement that Sir Arthur George has pulled off the biggest coup in our soccer history, by securing the 1988 Gold Cup for Australia, to coincide with our Bicentenary.

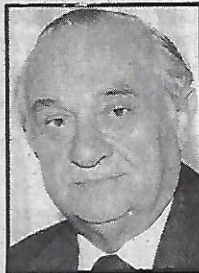
According to the communique, FIFA has agreed for Australia to stage the Gold Cup, featuring all the former world champion sides plus the Socceros.

I don't doubt at all that this is correct. FIFA probably did agree. Of course, it doesn't mean that those invited will accept.

Let me be, as usual, a Devil's Advocate. I find it hard to believe that such a tournament will be staged in Australia in 1988. I'll explain the reasons for my skepticism.

A Gold Cup was staged in Uruguay in December 1980-January 1981, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the first World Cup, also held in that country.

All participants were guaranteed every expense — travel, hotel, meals, etc. plus \$150,000 (US) a match. The three Europeans — West



Sir Arthur George

Germany, Italy and Holland — all returned home with a net \$300,000, as did Argentina. The finalists, Uruguay and Brazil, received \$450,000.

That means more than \$2 million in gate shares — and probably another \$2 or \$3 million in other expenses.

For that, Montevideo first of all had to produce the gate, takings. The seven matches — round robins in two groups of three and the final — were

watched by a total of 270,000 fans — an average of almost 40,000.

A combination ticket for the seven matches — all staged in Montevideo's Centenary Stadium — cost a week's wages — say, in Australian terms, \$300.

Then the TV rights. A strong Mexican bid was turned down and the rights were sold to a strange Greek, a Mr. Vargaris(?) representing the Strass Trading & Investment Co., — paying \$2.5 million for the TV rights.

These he later resold to South America and Europe, at a profit.

Can we do all of this? Does Arthur George seriously suggest that we can produce crowds of 40,000 as an average, with people paying about \$30 to \$50 for a seat? And does he know where to find that Mr. Vargaris? The first difficulty would be to secure the participation of all former World Cup winners. (And, by the way, there are six, not five, as reported in the daily Press, who left off Argentina.)

England declined in 1980 because the Dec 30-Jan 10

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN



period would have interfered with the domestic season, so Holland, twice runner-up, took England's place.

Italy found it very difficult to go but West Germany barely managed it, thanks to its usual brief winter break. Only the South Americans can chop and change their domestic schedules to accommodate any international commitment.

Clearly, such a tournament in Australia could only be staged in the June-July period when there is off season in Europe.

But in 1988 they will be playing the European Championship finals, in West Germany — at the same period. If no one else, at least the Germans will be involved.

Finally, there is the TV problem. The only way such a huge expensive venture can be profitable is through live TV. But as Europe is some 10 hours behind us, we would have to start our games

at 4am or so to make peak viewing time in Europe. And for delayed telecast, the fee payable is usually a tiny fraction of what live broadcasts can fetch.

Italy, too, briefly considered holding a Gold Cup in 1984, to commemorate the 50th year of its first victory — then, faced with the financial and technical difficulties, dropped the idea.

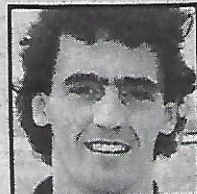
And it has been dormant ever since — until now when Sir Arthur has decided to take it out of the mothballs.

It's either a clever gimmick on his part — or a sign of naivety. And he has been anything but naive in the years I've known him.

Of course, I could be wrong: Sir Arthur could get a huge guarantee from the federal government or private sponsors for the event. I would say about five million dollars would do the trick.

But somehow, I don't believe we will have this Gold Cup here.

Why did Egan wait so long?



Charlie Egan

The sensational outburst of Charlie Egan on these pages two weeks ago will not alter our soccer one iota. Charlie should be aware that our soccer officialdom cannot be insulted, slandered or libelled any more than it can be changed.

Like water off a grease-proofed duck's back, all criticism, valid or exaggerated, rolls into oblivion. The only certainty is that the instigator or the rumpus — Egan, in this case — will become a complete nonperson whose name will sink into an Orwellian memory hole.

Still, his revelations touched on a point of special interest to me: how much should pressure travelling with a touring team reveal of what goes on off the field?

What is considered to be a small prank, a medium-sized shock or a major scandal involving players? What is in the interest of Australian

soccer to remain hushed up and what has to be told, come what may?

Any journalist who ever travelled with a sporting team must have pondered these questions. I know I did.

Because, let's be honest about it, just about every team produces its share of 'stories'. Where a bunch of young men spend a few weeks together, in a foreign land, enjoying a good degree of anonymity, chances are that some less disciplined and more primitive souls will step out of line.

Should that be reported by the journalists? Urinating in a department store is definitely low-brow but unless police are involved, perhaps not a mortal sin.

How about two players having a brawl? That again is not a great news story unless they do it in theistine Chapel, the foyer of Windsor Castle or the Elysee Palace.

Players of the same team often get involved in fist-fuffs, sometimes with their own coaches too. But is that of such huge interest back home to the readers?

Sex, of course, is always a fascinating topic — but super taboo.

Consequently, the upshots of some casual sexual encounters are equally suppressed. And, really, why not? In what way would it concern the average reader? Why should he, for 30 cents, be privy to such squalid, piquant details about another man's life?

Naturally, the line has to be drawn somewhere beyond which a reporter's silence cannot be regarded as automatic.

But, on the whole, I'd say it's not up to reporters to preach good behaviour and establish high moral standards for the players.

Neither is it, by any means, up to a player to emerge with his sensational charges — six months after the event!

If Charlie Egan had been so outraged by the going on that he felt the need to throw away his international career, he should have done it last November, when the party returned from Europe and he was now in the addition of many new players to the squad has made his place more insecure.

And to think they used to call him soft

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

He was dubbed "Rocky" after doing one-handed push-ups a la Sylvester Stallone. Sydney City Hakoah and Soccerro stopper Steve O'Connor is a strong man who fears no-one.

He's also a ferocious competitor. Ask any NSL forward. And he hates losing so much that he won't read the newspapers for a week after Hakoah is beaten.

Yet his coach, Eddie Thomson, used to say that O'Connor was soft! "Eddie used to tell me that I'd never last in Scottish football because I wasn't tough enough," said O'Connor.

"I guess I went a bit overboard there for a while. I got too physical and I got lumped with this tough guy image but that's in the past. My game's a lot more balanced now."

Which doesn't mean that there's less aggression. It's just channelled into more appropriate areas at more discreet times.

"All the top teams can kick as well as play. It's like that all over the world. In a lot of cases it can overawe the opposition, once they see that you can't be intimidated," said the 30-year-old Sydneyder.

It's that kind of vigor, as well as a concerted team approach which the Socceros are banking on to earn them a spot in the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico. The road to Mexico though looks long and rough, with either Scotland, Spain or Wales in the way.

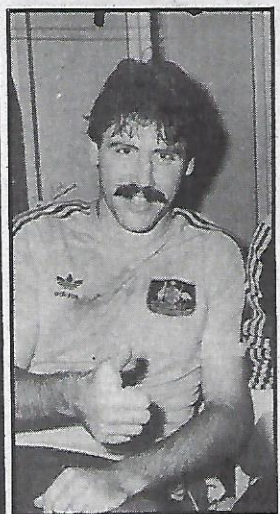
"Yeah, it's pretty horrific," he says "the hardest thing is trying to get our fitness level up, seeing as how we're only part-timers. These guys over there run just as hard in the last five (minutes) as they do in the first five."

A lot of us have to work on our own, going for runs and stuff like that, because we've got to be able to match them physically at least, for their skill level is higher."

Self confidence and belief in your team mates as individuals and as a unit, are vital to Australia's World Cup fortunes according to O'Connor. Maybe his fearless approach will spread among the other Socceros.

"I don't fear anyone. I've played against a few tough guys. I'll admit that when I first played against top class countries I thought to myself: My God, I panicked and kicked the ball away. But after a while you start to say yourself: Hey, we can play too. You gain composure and maintaining it is vital."

Croatia's coming up to Hakoah's standard



• STEVE O'CONNOR: Confident about World Cup.

"Look, the hardest thing for Australia to do is to get guys who are cheeky enough to hold onto the ball and realise that they can play too."

"You've got to go out there confident in your ability as a team for if we don't do it as a team, we'll get slaughtered in the World Cup."

"But I really believe we can go close."

I'm almost convinced. O'Connor wouldn't mind playing World Cup qualifying games on the SCG.

"I think that a hard ground is to our advantage. When we played over in England on the world tour, the grounds were really soft and I was like the Queen Mary trying to turn."

O'Connor's problem of turning on English grounds may have had something to do with the weight he put on during the tour. Since his return, he's worked hard to get back to his ideal playing weight.

"I put on heaps during the tour. It was having to eat three meals a day that did it. I'd never do that back home. I ended up close to 15 stone but now I'm back to 134."

O'Connor is a physical education teacher at Granville High School. He was born in Sydney and started playing soccer with Bankstown when he was seven. He was a midfielder early in his career and after playing for NSW at under 16 level, he joined Hakoah in 1972.

"I made my first grade debut in 1973. I was playing on the left side of midfield but Hakoah went and bought Jimmy Mackay so I ended up being in and out of the team. Eventually, I found myself playing centre half in the reserves. Even then I couldn't get a regular first grade game because we had Johnny Watkiss and Alan Marnoch in defence."

The highlight of O'Connor's career with Hakoah so far came in 1977, when the club won the championship in the first year of the National League.

"It was a really great thrill winning that first title because everything was new. We've had plenty of success since but I think we got a bit blasé about it all."

The current Hakoah side has got plenty of good young boys just itching for a game. There are the older blokes too, guys like Joe Watson, Murray Barnes and me — the old guard — but these youngsters have to prove that they're good enough to take our spots.

"We play it hard but fair down our way. It's pretty competitive you know, even at training. In fact, you get just as many injuries during one of our Thursday training games against the youth team as you do on a match day."

"It's great to see Croatia coming up and doing well. It's up to other teams to prove that they're good enough to beat us. It's up to them to bring their standards up to ours and if they do that, it's great for the game."

O'Connor has won few personal honors during his career. He was runner-up in Hakoah's Player of the Year award once.

He's in his 14th season with Hakoah and that kind of loyalty is rare in team sport. Let's go out with O'Connor's selection of his best Hakoah side, made up of players at the club during his era:

Todd CLARKE — Kevin MULLEN, Alan MARKOCH, Eddie THOMSON, Henry MOWBRAY, John STEVENSON, Ray BAARTZ, Murray BARNES — JOE WATSON, John KOSMINA, Terry SMITH.

Now the taxman may stop Zico coming here

The Zico drama continues.

Yes, he's coming to Australia... no he's not... yes he is... no he's not... because he's been called back into Brazil's national side... and now...

He can't go anywhere, because he's handed in his passport, voluntarily, so no-one can accuse him of trying to run away from a taxation investigation in Italy!

How long that will go on is anyone's guess. Whether they give his passport back so he can go either to Brazil or Aus-

tralia remains to be seen. Zico's then manager, Francesco Dal Cin, signed Zico for about \$5 million. Most of the transfer fee was put up by president Lamberto D'Ala, who owed much of his wealth to his take in the large multinational firm Zanussi.

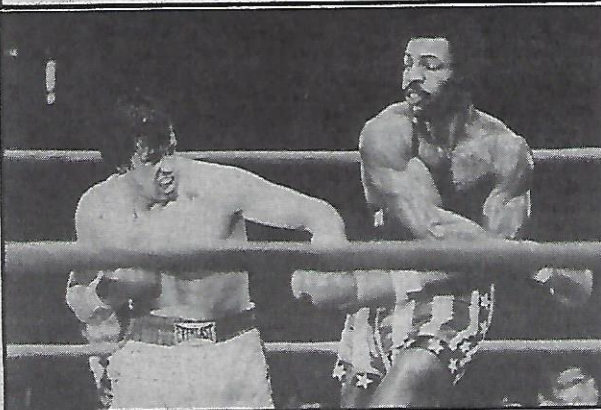
But first the federation invoked rules and regulations banning outside companies from direct investment in football, then Zanussi (Italy) hit hard times.

The method of paying Zico's wages was shifted to an arrangement with a group of sponsors and much of the money was

Rio through a London firm of industrial brokers. In less than two years in Italy Zico's image and name have earned players and club about 1.5 million pounds.

Around one-third of that, Judge Giancarlo Buonocore has been told, was "laundered" through London to escape tax — and Zico has been charged with the offences.

He says: "I want to return to Brazil to play for Flamengo and help the national team in the World Cup qualifiers. But more important right now is that I clear



Sylvester "Rocky" Stallone (left) the man "Rocky" O'Connor was named after.

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• John Wark (Liverpool)

Will Juve turn 'Pool into puddles?

Ten of the players beaten by Australia 2-0 at the Sydney Cricket Ground last year are in the Juventus squad that meets Liverpool in the European Cup final on May 29 — but a Juventus victory depends on Michel Platini, the man who missed the Australian tour.

Platini, captain of France, wants to win the European Cup this year and the World Cup next year, and then retire. At 29, he is poised to win the Italian league goalscoring prize for the third successive season, and no-one has done that since the days of Gunnar Nordahl in the early 1950s.

When Liverpool lost 0-2 to Juventus in the European Super Cup on January 16 in Turin, it gave Platini acres of space in which to work, with the result that he provided the spadework for the victory, achieved through two goals by Zbigniew Boniek, who played so brilliantly in Australia.

But Joe Fagan's men are certain to employ their containment game this time, intent on restricting space available to Platini and preventing the bursts of pace from Boniek and Massimo Briacchi.

At the same time, though, Liverpool's strikers Kenny Dalglish and Ian Rush will feel downright claustrophobic because Juventus gets so many men behind the ball every time they lose it.

Juventus coach Giovanni Trapattoni believes it will be third time lucky. Juve is appearing in its third final in 12 years, having lost its previous two.

This time, Juve aims to turn the 'Pool into puddles. But Liverpool's record is impressive. It will be playing in its fifth European final in eight years, and has won all four previous finals.

• The final is being played in Brussels and will be telecast by SBS Television.

Likely teams:-

LIVERPOOL

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|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Phil NEALE, 34 | Mark LAWRENCE, 27 | Alan HANSEN, 29 | Alan KENNEDY, 30 |
| Sammy LEE, 26 | Steve NICOL, 23 | John WARK, 27 | Ronnie WHELAN, 23 |
| Kenny DALGLISH, 34 | Ian RUSH, 23 | | |

Subs: Kevin Macdonald, 24 (m/field), Bob Baulder 25 (goal), Jim Beglin 21, (f back), Gary Gillespie, 24 (defence), Paul Walsh, 22 (striker).

JUVENTUS

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| Luciano BODINI, 30 | | | |
| Luciano FAVERO, 27 | Sergio BRIO, 28 | Gaetano SCIREA, 32 | Antonio CABRINI, 27 |
| Massimo BRIACCHI, 27 | Massimo BONINI, 25 | Michel PLATINI, 29 | Marco TARDELLI, 30 |
| Paolo ROSSI, 28 | Zbigniew BONIEK, 29 | | |

Subs: Stefano Tacconi, 28 (goal), Nicola Caricola, 22 (f back), Claudio Piatto, 19 (defence), Breniamino Vignola, 25 (striker).

• Liverpool has lost its two biggest games of the season so far — one of them against Juventus, which it meets in the European Cup final.

The losses were in the European Super Cup and the World Club Cup.

EUROPEAN SUPERCUP

Stadio Comunale, Turin — Jan 16
JUVENTUS 2 (Boniek 40, 78) LIVERPOOL 0

JUVENTUS: Bodini — Favero, Cabrini, Bonini, Brio, Scirea, Briacchi, Tardelli, Rossi, Platini, Boniek.

LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar — Neal, Kennedy, Lawrenson (Gillespie 46), Nicol, Hansen, Walsh, Whelan, Rush, McDonald, Wark.

WORLD CLUB CUP FINAL

Tokyo (National Olympic Stadium) — December 9, 1984

INDEPENDIENTE 1

(Perudani 6) LIVERPOOL 0
LIVERPOOL: Grobbelaar — Neal, Gillespie, Hansen, Kennedy — Molby, Dalglish, Nicol, Wark (12 Whelan, 76th) — Johnston, Rush.

INDEPENDIENTE: Goyen — Clausen, Villaverde (Monzon, 74th), Trassero, Enrique, Burruchaga, Giusti, Marangoni, Bochini — Perudani, Barbero.



• Paolo Rossi (Juventus)

A bit of Best and Moore in Mr. T?

By LAURIE SCHWAB

He has links with George Best and Bobby Moore, he radiates good fun and he's already been nicknamed Mr. T, so George Cross's British recruit Tyrone James is sure to be one of the big personalities of National League soccer.

He accepts the nickname good-naturedly. "It's obviously because of my color and because my first name starts with T, but I've got to stress I'm in a different weight division," he says.

James, 28, made his first appearance for George Cross as a substitute against Brisbane Lions in Brisbane last Sunday, only 24 hours after arriving in Australia. "It was good, aggressive football. You've got to be thinking all the time. I was pleased with the standard," he says.

It seems he's part of a rare breed in soccer — a centre back who's also skilful and creative. "I'm better on the ground than in the air," he says, "but don't get me wrong — I can head the ball with the best of them. It's just that I'm not the type you're looking for if you want someone to go and destroy an opponent. I'm not built for that heavy, aggressive stuff."

James got his start with West Ham United as a school-

boy, at 16, having been spotted by scouts in a district match. Bobby Moore, Trevor Brooking and Billy Bonds were at West Ham then but young James's dreams about following in their footsteps were dashed when West Ham released him at 18, due to a surplus of players.

He landed on his feet though, signing for Fulham after a one-month trial and it wasn't long before Bobby Moore — the former England captain — joined him there. George Best also came to Fulham and James's other team mates there included Alan Mullery, Rod Marsh and Irish international Jimmy Dunne, who now coaches Morwell Falcons.

Did the leadership qualities of Moore and the skills of Best rub off on Tyrone James? "I just try to do my best for the team. Let other people judge," he says modestly.

After Fulham came four years with Plymouth Argyle and two with Torquay where rows with the management almost prompted him to give up soccer altogether.

He got offers however, from Aldershot and from Australia and it was at the recommendation of his old friend Jimmy Dunne that he decided to join George Cross.

Born in London, James rates his senior debut with Fulham as the highlight of his career.

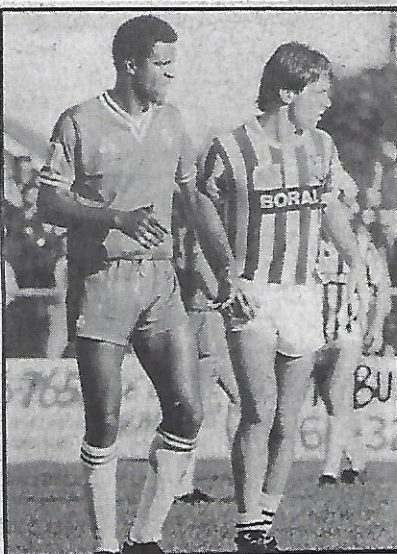
He played 16 consecutive first-team games after that, and 25 in all before moving on as a result of a change of managers.

The new manager, Bobby Campbell, simply didn't fancy him, but other good judges rated him highly — among them Malcolm Allison, his manager at Plymouth.

He explained his hassles with Torquay:

"They said I'd played well and they offered me a contract, but the next day they said there'd been cutbacks, and they couldn't sign me after all. One month later, they said they were looking for new players!"

A good organiser, James can play in any back-four position, but doesn't like left back.



• Sunshine-George Cross's star import Tyrone James (left) marks Adelaide Juventus striker Joe Mullen at Chaplin Reserve last Sunday. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

McAdam seeks club

• Adelaide Juventus so far is the only Australian club to make a concrete offer to Glasgow Rangers defender Colin McAdam, recently freed.

McAdam is a former Dumbarton and Patrick Thistle player and joined Rangers in the late 1970s. He made his name as a striker and was leading scorer in the Scottish First Division with Thistle when Rangers signed him. Latterly he has been used as a centre defender.

McAdam toured Australia last year with Rangers. He is pictured after breaking his leg at the SCG when Rangers lost 2-3 to Australia A.

He's fully recovered and keen to play. Clubs interested in approaching McAdam can do so through Sydney Hawks coach Eddie Thomson, who can be contacted at home on (02) 349 8710.



Tasios for young 'Roos?

Kanesoulis out, Tasios in?

That's a distinct possibility as coach Jim Shoulder (in the tracksuit) ponders the composition of the national youth squad for the World Youth Championships in the USSR in August-September.

Shoulder has said he is watching Heidelberg's Steve Tasios (left), who impressed him during trials last year.

And John Kanesoulis of Hellas (right) doubts whether he'll hold his place in the squad, due to lack of match practice.

You have to feel sorry for Kanesoulis, the resident bench-warmer at Hellas.

Hellas coach Len McKendry prevented Kanesoulis from going to Singapore with the national squad for the Merlion Cup late last year, saying he required the midfielder for the NSL finals. Kanesoulis played for all of one finals match and was a substitute in two others.

Because he hadn't gone to Singapore, he was only a fringe player during the World Youth Championship qualifying series and now his Soccerop position is in doubt.

Although voted Victorian Under 21 Player of the Year, Kanesoulis has been pushed into the background by McKendry who said in the press a few weeks ago that even if injuries were to create a vacancy in the Hellas team, he would give preference to the other substitute, Vlado Bozinovski. As it turned out though, Kanesoulis would get a run due to injuries to others.

Kanesoulis would be a valuable asset to any NSL club. He does not have a contract with Hellas.

Alternatively, Hellas could loan him out to a State League club to aid his development as a player, and recall him in 1988.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Bring out Platini or Rossi

The talk around Fairfield way is that Marconi is trying to sign Paolo Rossi or Michel Platini as a guest player and what a boost for Australian soccer that would be.

It's just talk at this stage, though. No doubt the Marconi brains trust has to look closely at the money involved for the outlay to get these guys here and to insure them makes the mind boggle.

Kevin Keegan's guest stint with Blacktown has rekindled interest in the guest player concept and quite a few clubs around Australia are trying to

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bring out top class players from overseas. Apart from Rossi and Platini, other names bandied about include Dalglish, Rush, Ardiles, Mavros, Anastopoulos and Seravakos. If just one of these stars comes out there will be full houses wherever he plays.

And guest players have a huge impact on the Australian media, which only can be good for the game.

I'm all for it. Let's bring out these guys but only the best, not guys who, although they're good professionals and are a class above as far as Australian soccer is concerned, aren't in the really top

bracket and aren't well known out here.

Marconi in form

Marconi has hit its straps and is scoring freely. A lot of that has to do with Rod Brown's return but Mark Jankevics still is getting among the goals.

With Brown, Jankovics and David Lowe in form, I am confident that Marconi can finish in the top four this year at least, even though it's early days.

Just imagine what would

happen if Rossi or Platini came out. The adrenalin certainly would be pumping around Fairfield.

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Yugoslavs on the way

By LAURIE SCHWAB

VSF Travel

The VSF Travel Club, in association with Ametco Travel, provides a trip to Europe flying Thai International to the top scorer in the NSL Southern Division.

Leaders
9 Egan (SMH)
6 Stevenson (H'B)
5 Reis (BC), Latif (SGC), Cole, Smith (Mak), Lewis (GG)
4 Price (WAH), Zinni (BUJ), Ward (MCR)
3 Lujic (JUS), Spink (Mak), Brown (SMH), House (MCR), Incantapoulos (BUJ), Tasios (H'B), Konstantopoulos (WAH), Villani, Rankin (ACJ)

Youth games

VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE: Frankston Pines 3 Preston-Makedonia 3, Footscray JUST 2 Green Gully 1, Melbourne Croatia 1, B.U. Juventus 1, Croydon City 0, 5th Melb Hellas 1, Sunshine G.X. 6, Fawkner 1, Heidelberg-Alexander 5 Nunawading City 1.

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
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| Makedonia | 6 | 3 | 1 | 30 | 14 | 15 |
| Heidelberg Alexander | 7 | 0 | 3 | 38 | 15 | 14 |
| B.U. Juventus | 5 | 4 | 1 | 31 | 15 | 14 |
| Footscray JUST | 7 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 12 | 14 |
| 5th Melb Hellas | 6 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 13 | 14 |
| Green Gully | 5 | 1 | 4 | 28 | 11 | 11 |
| Sun Gey Cross | 4 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 10 | 11 |
| Melb Croatia | 4 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 11 | 11 |
| Fawkner | 2 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 32 | 6 |
| Nunawading City | 1 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 5 | 5 |
| Frankston Pines | 1 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 3 |
| Croydon City | 1 | 9 | 3 | 25 | 2 | 2 |

Sunday 5 games
Sunshine-George Cross v Footscray J.U.S.T. Preston Makedonia v Green Gully, South Melbourne Hellas v Frankston Pines, Brunswick Juventus v Croydon City, Nunawading City v Melbourne Croatia, Fawkner v Heidelberg Alexander.

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

Woolongong 2 d AIS 1, Penrith 1 d Marconi 0, Croatia 1 drew with Olympic 1, St George 2 d Sydney City 1, Monaro 1 d Newcastle 0, Leichhardt 2 d Blacktown 0, Wollongong 1 d Canberra 0, Pointscore: Canberra 14, Sydney City 12, Wollongong 12, St George 12, Leichhardt 11, AIS 9, Newcastle 9, Croatia 7, Blacktown 7, Penrith 7, Monaro 7, Olympic 6, Marconi 5.

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Three Yugoslav recruits are expected to fly in this week to join Footscray J.U.S.T. in time for its relegation battle against Sunshine-George Cross at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

They are: LUKA BONECIC, 29, a striker from Yugoslav Third Division club Neretva, who previously was with Hajduk Split, VIL Bochum in West Germany and Malaga in Spain, and who failed to arrive on schedule last Saturday due to a visa problem.

MILENKO KIKOVIC, 30, a striker from Third Division club Obilisc who previously was with Rad in Belgrade; JADRANKO KODJO, 24, a midfielder who spent four years with Partizan Belgrade and now is with Obilisc.

In addition, J.U.S.T. has Branko Buljevic back in action after an 18-month retirement, and Ilija Taseski is expected to return after injury, although Bill Lazopoulos and Brian O'Donnell remain sidelined.

Kodjo and Kikovic have been recommended by Yusuf Hatunic, who guested with J.U.S.T. in 1982. Former J.U.S.T. striker Dragan Vasic, who was expected to join Royal Richmond from Broadmeadows this week, described Kikovic and Kodjo as "excellent" players.

George Cross, meanwhile, has been strengthened by Tyrone James (see page 3) and despite its 1-2 loss to Adelaide Juventus, will prove a tough nut to crack.

Green Gully also feels the chill wind of relegation after its loss to J.U.S.T., but there's a chance that Jim Murray and perhaps David Smallman will return for the match against Makedonia at Connor Reserve.

Makedonia, however, will have two big guns — Ian Dobson and Con Opsinich back in the team. Makedonia's results have not been impressive, so Green Gully may be able to snatch a point.

Sydney Croatia's fire power has been made even more lethal by the return of Emil Dragicevic from Inter Monaro. With Tim

PLAYERS' UNION

Players who have been trying to contact Richard Wilson (Makedonia) about starting a players' union are advised that he had to rush to New Zealand due to a death in the family.

Team of the Week

In brackets: number of appearances in team of the week.

| FRANKEN (1) (Can. Olymp) | ROZIC (3) (Syd. Croatia) | OWENS (1) (Newc-Rosebud) |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| KYRIAKOULEAS (1) (Foots JUST) | HONEYMAN (5) (WA-Hellas) | PIMBLETT (1) (Brisb City) |
| TASIOS (1) (H'berg-Alexander) | MIRANDA (2) (BU-Juventus) | BRADLEY (1) (Blacktown) |
| THAMNIDIS (4) (Inter-Monaro) | ENGLISH (1) (Can Olymp) | |

Weekend NSL matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY
NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD v Penrith at Adamstown Oval, 2.30 pm
SUNDAY
Sunshine-George Cross v FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm
Preston-Makedonia v Green Gully (draw) at Connor Reserve, 3 pm
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v West Adelaide Hellas at Middle Park, 3 pm
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS v Brisbane City at Olympic Park No 2, 3 pm
Brisbane Lions v Melbourne Croatia (draw) at Richlands, 3 pm
Adelaide City Juventus v Heidelberg-Alexander (draw) at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm
APIA-Leichhardt v SYDNEY CROATIA at Lambert Park, 3 pm
MARCONI v Sydney Olympic at Marconi Stadium, 3 pm
ST GEORGE BUDEPEST v Inter-Monaro at St George Stadium, 3 pm
Canberra City Olympians v SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Bruce Stadium, 3 pm
BLACKTOWN v Wollongong, Gabbie Stadium, 3 pm.

Patikas and Graham Arnold also scoring goals with gay abandon, and Zarko Odzakovic and Vedran Rozic setting them up, Croatia should start a clear favorite against APIA at Lambert Park. Don't underestimate APIA though. It may have a few problems up front, but Tommy McCulloch and Arno Bertogna are potential match-winners.

South Melbourne Hellas never has had a clear advantage over its Adelaide cousins, so despite the return of John Yzendoorn after suspension, West Adelaide should force a tight game at Middle Park.

It will be Ian McGregor's last appearance in the NSL, as he has retired. That alone, will motivate Neil McGachey's men.

Brunswick Juventus was knocked out of the 1984 finals by Brisbane Lions, so the team will be wary indeed when it meets the Queenslanders at Olympic Park No 2 ground. However, Andrew Zinni and Joe Sweeney have scored some great goals against Lions, and they should swing the result Juve's way.

Adelaide City Juventus has one of the finest midfield combinations in Australia — certainly good enough to worry Heidelberg-Alexander in Adelaide. But while the home team should hold sway in midfield, the visitors look impregnable at the back and so it should be a draw.

Olympic is suffering its worst slump since the NSL started, partly due to bad luck. Better things are ahead for Olympic — but not this week, as Marconi is running hot and piling up the goals, thanks to the fine form of Mark Jankovics.

St George Budapest isn't at all impressive this year and one would have been tempted to tip Inter-Monaro to cause an upset, had Emil Dragicevic not gone back to Sydney Croatia. As it is, Inter-Monaro may still have a chance providing Walter Valeri and Tony Brennan return, but logic suggests that St George is much more solid.

The Canberra Olympians v Sydney Hakoah match in Canberra could go either way, especially if Tommy English maintains his form, while Blacktown looks much too strong for Wollongong.

Pools go Australian

STOP PRESS: Australian Soccer Pools convert from the British soccer season to the Australian season as of this weekend.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 3 (Price 47th and 57th, Scott 42nd) PRESTON 1 (Cole 42nd) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2500. Ratings by Allan Crisp.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 — McGregor 7, Honeyman 9, Brown 8, Hiem 7 — Scott 8, Atsalas 8, Manou 8, Panagis 7 — Price 8, Konstantopoulos 8. Coach: Neil McGachey.
PRESTON: Makedonia: Trajanovic 6 — Heys 7, McMillan 8, Piculovski 6, Petrov 6, Petrovski 6 (Gagic 7th) — Dunn 8, Ilioski 7, Lane 8 — Smith 8, Spink 6, Cole 6, Gagic: Bill Murray.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Honeyman (WAH), 5. Manou (WAH), 4. Lane (PM), 3. Konstantopoulos (WAH), 2. Smith (PM), 1. Scott (WAH).

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Fazizio 68th, Reis 81st) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Brown 27th) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1613. Ratings by Ricky Russo:

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 — Junna 6, Mengotti 8, Wilkinson 7, Bromfield 7 — Hamilton 6, Pimblett 8, Fabrizio 7 — Lettieri 5, Glockner 4, Scriggins 7, Reis 7, Coach: Jim Hermiston.
HELLAS: Laumets 7 — Russell 8, McDowell 6, Blair 7, Postecoglou 7, Boznicovski 6, Halford 7, Crino 2, Egan 8, Brown 7, Coach: Len McKendry.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Pimblett (BC), 5. Egan (SMH), 4. Mengotti (BC), 3. Russell (SMH), 2. Wishart (BC), 1. Blair (SMH).

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2 (Valentine 22nd, Tasios 89th) BRISBANE LIONS 0 at Olympic Village. Crowd: 1200. Ratings by Ken Kontra.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 8 — McKie 7, Angele 7, Yankos 8, Marley 7, Tasios 9, Chirapopoulos 6, Tasios 6, Selamidis 8, Stevenson 7 (Winn 6, 42th), Valentine 7, Coach: Brian Garvey.
BRISBANE LIONS: Evans 7, McKimming 6, Hunter 8, T. Redmond 7 (Vasquez 81st), Nivendon 6 — R. Stewart 7 (Anderson 82nd), J. Stewart 8, O. Eden 7 — P. Redmond 7, Daunt 6, Wright 7, Coach: Gordon Arrow-smith.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Tasios (HA), 5. Yankos (HA), 4. Hunter (BL), 3. Oliver (HA), 2. Selamidis (BL), 1. J. Stewart (BL).

NORTHERN DIVISION

SYDNEY CROATIA 5 (Arnold 42nd & 90th, Dragicevic 54th, Patikas 76th, & 88th) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 at Croatian Sports Centre, Fairfield. Crowd about 10,500. Ratings by Peter Katholos:

SYDNEY CROATIA: Woodhouse 7 — M. Kovacic 7, Basic 7, Rozic 9, Rezo 7 — Jurin 8, Vidalc 7, Odzakovic 8 — Patikas 8, Arnold 7, Dragicevic 7, Coach: Vedran Rozic.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Maier 8 — Johnston 6, Ziras 6, Dakos Jennings 7, Rogers 7, Phillips 7, Raskopoulos 6 — Patalis 6, Koussas 6, Kalantzis 7 (Zivnos 66th), Coach: Manfred Schaefer.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6. Rozic (S.C.), 5. Patikas (S.C.), 4. Jurin (S.C.), 3. Odzakovic (S.C.), 2. Kalantzis (S.C.), 1. Dakos (S.C.).

INTER-MONARO (Thamnidis 35th) NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD 2 (Kerby 24th, Owens 44th) at Seiffert Oval. Crowd 982. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

MONARO: Hoszowski 7 — Walsh 7, Budini 8, Dachs 7, Gaget 7 (D'Addario 85th) — Wilcox 7, Carboni 7, Djordjic 6 (Domietzovic 57th) — Thamnides 9, Giampolo 7, Monterosso 7, Coach: Frank Mac-carone.
NEWCASTLE: Gosling 7 — Maier 7, Thompson 7, Boogaard 7, Owens 8 — M. Quaresima 7, Senkalski 8, Jones 7 — Kerby 7, Todd 7, Milosevic 7, Coach: Willie Gallagher.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Thamnides (Inter), 5. Budini (Inter), 4. Owens (NR), 3. Senkalski (NR), 2. Boogaard (NR), 1. Dachs (Inter).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Gomez 68th) ST. GEORGE BUDEPEST 0 at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1400. Rating by Andrew Dettre:

HAKOAH: Pezzano 6 — Cant 7, Robertson 8, O'Connor 7, De Marigny 6 (K. Falconer 46th) — Gomez 7, Watson 7, Barnes 7 — Farina 7, Kosmina 6, Fletcher 7, Lys 7 (5th), Coach: Eddie Thomson.
ST. GEORGE: Greshy 7 — Skeen 5, Ratcliffe 6, M. O'Shea 6, Kokcia 6 — J. O'Shea 6, Stone 5 (Petkovski 75th), Bozanic 5 (Ricoy 76th) — Slater 7, Morgan 6, Cotton 5, Coach: Frank Ark.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Robertson (H), 5. Farina (H), 4. Greshy (S.G.), 3. O'Shea (S.G.), 2. Slater (S.G.), 1. Slater (S.G.).

NSL NORTHERN DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
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| SYDNEY CROATIA | 6 | 2 | 1 | 23 | 10 | 14 |
| MARCONI | 5 | 3 | 1 | 23 | 13 | 13 |
| SYD CITY HAKOAH | 6 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 10 | 13 |
| BLACKTOWN | 5 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 10 | 12 |
| CANBERRA OLYMPIANS | 4 | 4 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 12 |
| APIA-Leichhardt | 4 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 9 |
| Penrith | 3 | 2 | 4 | 11 | 11 | 8 |
| Sydney Olympic | 4 | 0 | 6 | 8 | 15 | 8 |
| St George Budapest | 2 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| Newcastle-Rosebud | 2 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 17 | 7 |
| Wollongong | 2 | 1 | 6 | 13 | 26 | 5 |
| Inter-Monaro | 2 | 0 | 8 | 13 | 26 | 4 |

NSL SOUTHERN DIVISION

| | W | D | L | F | A | Pt |
|----------------------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS | 5 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 14 |
| MELBOURNE CROATIA | 5 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 13 | 13 |
| STH MELB HELLAS | 5 | 3 | 2 | 16 | 12 | 13 |
| H'BERG-ALEXANDER | 5 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 9 | 12 |
| BRISBANE LIONS | 4 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 11 | 11 |
| Brisbane City | 4 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 10 | 10 |
| Preston Makedonia | 4 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 16 | 10 |
| West Adelaide Hellas | 3 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 9 |
| Green Gully | 2 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 8 |
| George Cross | 2 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 8 |
| Adel City Juventus | 2 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 18 | 8 |
| Footscray JUST | 2 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 21 | 4 |

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Honeyman again

Graham Honeyman (West Adelaide Hellas) has come from behind to resume leadership in the voting for the Boral Bricks \$1500 Player of the Year award.

And Mark Jankovics of Marconi now is only one goal behind leader Charlie Egan (SM-Hellas) in the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorers' awards.

Top vote-getters:
37. Honeyman (WAH)
35. Hunter (BL), Wheatley (Black)

33. Egan (SMH)
31. Gomez (SCH)
30. Bryant (Can)
27. Stevenson (H'B), Crino (SMH)
26. Thamnidis (IM), Rozic (S.Cr), Patikas (S.Cr)
25. Senkalski (NR), Maxwell (ACJ)
24. Hoare (Black), Odzakovic (S.Cr)

Top scorers:
9. Egan (SMH)
8. Jankovics (M)
7. Arnold, Patikas (S.Cr)
6. Dragicevic (S.Cr), Stevenson (H'B)

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Mitten penalty 87th)

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Rankin 36th, Santrac 63rd) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: about 1,500. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie:

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 5 — Bennett 7 — James 7, Richardson 6 — Bain 6, Faulkner 8 (Lennon 70th), Maclearen 4, Taylor 6 — Mitten 6, Gilder 5, Latif 4, Coach: John Gardiner.
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS: McNally 7 — Melta 7, Flounders 7, Nyskohus 8, Cecere 7 — Villani 7, Santrac 8, Northcote 8, Maxwell 8 — Rankin 7, Muller 7, Coach: Edmund Kraft.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Santrac (AdJuve), 5. Northcote (AdJuve), 4. Maxwell (AdJuve), 3. Faulkner (SCG), 2. Nyskohus (AdJuve), 1. Melta (AdJuve).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Lujic 39th) GREEN GULLY 0 at Schintler Reserve. Attendance: 1500 (estimate). Ratings by Peter Desira:

FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 6 — Kyriakoulas 7, Karic 6, MacLeod 6, R. Barjaktarevic 7 — Tapal 6, Curovic 6, Buljevic 7, Belic 7 — Canol 6, Lujic 6, Coach: Rocco Ilie.
GREEN GULLY: Derys 7 — Young 5, Williams 5, McLeiland 5, Hogen 5 — Smart 6, Lloyd 5, Cannell 5, Campbell 6 — Lewis 5 (Vassallo 54th 6), Lucchesi 5, Caretaker coach: Jim Williams.

Best players for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6. Tapa (FJ), 5. Kyriakoulas (FJ), 4. Barjaktarevic (FJ), 3. Belic (FJ), 2. Derys (GG), 1. Buljevic (FJ).

MELBOURNE CROATIA 0 BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS 1 (Peterson 75th) at Olympic Park. Crowd about 3000. Ratings by Laurie Schab:

CROATIA: Runic 7 — Antolovic 6 — Parton 8, Hannah 7 (Juric 89th) — Deankovic 7, Bistic 7, Campbell 7, Cumming 8, Gojovic 7 — Ward 5, House 5 (Curoic 60th), Coach: Don Kapetanovic.
JUVENTUS: Banovic 7 — Lewis 8, Dowie 7, Brown 7, Campbell 7, Wade 7, Miranda 8, Peterson 6, Incantapoulos 6 — Cullen 6 (Zinni 80th), Sweeney 5, Coach: John Margary.

Best six for Boral Bricks Player of the Year award: 6. Miranda (Juve), 5. Cumming (Cr), 4. Parton (Cr), 3. Lewis (Juve), 2. Wade (Juve), 1. Brown (Juve).

PENRITH CITY 1 (Jones 24th) MARCONI 3 (Gunning 19th, Jankovic penalty 25th, penalty 87th) at Cook Park. Crowd: 593. Ratings by Alex Vesic:

PENRITH CITY: Gibson 7 — Brogan 7, Ainsworth 7, Campbell 8, Cross 5 — Hunter 5, Toohy 5 (Licata 54th 5), Waterspound 8, East-horpe 5 — Jackson 5, Jones 5, Coach: Willie Wallace.
MARCONI: McPherson 8 — Carter 5, Henderson 8, Calderan 7, Ster-n 7 — Mason 8, Gray 8, P. Treddinnick 7 — R. Brown 7, Jankovic 7, Gunning 8 (Driene 75th), Coach: Les Scheinfeld.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Gray (Mar), 5. Henderson (Mar), 4. Campbell (Pen), 3. McPherson (Mar), 2. Mason (Mar), 1. Jankovics (Mar).

WOLLONGONG 0 CANBERRA OLYMPIANS 2 (English 54th, 62nd) at Wollongong Showground. Ratings by Tom Peri:

WOLLONGONG CITY: Billington 7 — Green 7, Dickson 7, Willis 7, Condon 6 (Kerr 67th) — Godzik 7, Hristovski 6 (Gaffney 67th), Bundalo 8 — Kotamandis 6, Brodnik 5, Giannone 7, Coach: Adrian Alderson.
CANBERRA OLYMPIANS: Franken 8 — O'Connell 7, Byrne 7, Dunn 7, Farrell 8 — Mihailidis 7, Serment 7, Lamond 7 (Perinovic 72nd) — Phillips 7, English 9, Gibson 7.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. English (Can), 5. Bundalo (Woll), 4. Franken (Can), 3. Farrell (Can), 2. Dickson (Woll), 1. Godzik (Woll).

APIA 0 BLACKTOWN 3 (I. Rowden o.g. 30th P. O'Connor Pen. 53rd; J. Bradley 59th) at Lambert Park. Crowd: 1842. Ratings by Mick Mikolajczyk:

APIA: R. Parks 7 — C. Spina 6, I. Rowden 5, A. Mariani 6, M. Brown 6 — T. McCulloch 6, J. Hamilton 5, T. Butler 7 — V. Colaguri 6 (T. Genovese 71st), K. Caban 6, T. Morsello 5 (R. De Ceglie 46th), Coach: P. Botticchio.

BLACKTOWN: Hoare 8 — M. Bourke 8, R. Wheatley 7, P. Daley 7, T. Rasmussen 6 (R. Skellern 45th 6) — S. Knight 7, B. Thornthwaite 7, S. Selvaige 7 — J. Bradley 9, J. McKie 7, P. O'Connor 8, Coach: C. De Bruin.

Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Bradley (BL), 5. O'Connor (BL), 4. Hoare (BL), 3. O'Connor (BL), 2. O'Connor (BL), 1. O'Connor (BL).



Rozic reigns supreme

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*Venue: Croatian Sports Centre
Crowd: about 10,500.*
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Man of the match:
VEDRAN ROZIC
(Syd. Croatia)

JUVENTUS TO KEEP TOP SPOT

**Melb Croatia 0
BU-Juventus 1**
*Scorer: Peterson 75th.
Venue: Olympic Park
Crowd: about 3000.
Referee: Jim Faen 8.*

At this stage of the 1984 season, Juventus was spending its sixth and last week at the top of the Southern Division ladder. Then came injuries, suspensions and other problems which resulted in Juventus just barely qualifying for the finals.

This year, it has taken Juventus until the 11th round to grab league leadership. Will John Maragitis's men hang on this time? I think they will. In fact, I'll stick my neck out and back Juventus to finish on top of the Conference ladder. No championship is involved of course, because to win the NSL title, you must win the grand final play-off between the winners of the finals series in the two conferences. How Juventus will fare there is anyone's guess, but in the meantime, its solid combination of defensive organisation, midfield power as well as flair, and the talents of Andrew Zinni up front, complemented by the bustling strength of Joe Sweeney, will continue to make Juventus harder to beat than any other.

Already, Juventus is unbeaten in nine straight games — although its results against the previous league leader, Croatia, could best be described as a lottery draw. A cross, a speculative low shot by Mike Petersen who had been having a bad game, in decision by a group of Croatia defenders and that was it! Yet earlier in the game, Croatia's Steve Gojevic had missed the best scoring chance of the 90 minutes.

And so Juventus avenged its 0-2 loss to Croatia in the first round of the National Cup, thus re-establishing the dominance it created over Croatia last year, when it beat Croatia twice (1-0, 2-1) and lost only once (0-3). Juventus has lost only one NSL game this season against West Adelaide Hellas (1-2) in the first round! For Croatia, it was the second loss of the season, the other having been against Heidelberg (1-2) in the third round.

Petersen's goal was his second since switching from Heidelberg, and his sixth in the NSL. Although off form against Croatia, Petersen continues to develop into one of the most valuable players in the NSL and his partnership with the more robust Richard Miranda had reaped rich dividends for Juventus for the rest of the year.

Croatia meanwhile, will maintain its challenge for leadership. It has, after all, slipped only one position and has conceded less goals than any team in either of the two NSL divisions. With Aki Kotzamalalis and Victor Cristaldo to come back and Ante Ljubic fit to resume this week, Croatia also has a great deal of depth, which will cover for any injuries that may be sustained.

Still, I would like to see Croatia pushing a few more men forward. As with the case against Hellas the previous week, Gary Ward and Greg House, while he was on the field, were left to battle it out alone in attack most of the time.

Not that Sweeney and Rob Cullen had much more support at the other end! But no-one expected anything different, as both teams like to play on the counter-attack.



Laurie Schwab

match, but had to do no more than watch as Cullen headed wide after Sweeney had headed the ball square.

House — in the team in place of injured Robert Markovic — shot at a defender on the turn, and the follow-up by Drago Deankovic went high over the bar. Then House played the ball square across the box, setting up Gojevic with the best chance of the game at the far post, but Gojevic — who had scored such a sensational goal against Hellas — miskicked and sent the ball swerving off the side of his foot.

House put the ball into the net in the 30th minute after a cross from Josip Biskic had come off heads, but he was clearly offside and the goal was disallowed.

Five minutes before half time, House was onside, with two defenders sprawled in his wake, but his shot was wide and high.

Despite his misses, however, I didn't agree that he should have been replaced by Tony Curcio in the 60th minute. At least House was getting

play at the Croatian Sports Centre. Joining the alert Patikas with two goals was central striker Graham Arnold and newly acquired left winger Emil Dragicevic notched the other.

The excitable 10,281 crowd was the second highest ever recorded at the ground, the best being 13,100 against St George in 1981.

Man of the match:
RICHARD MIRANDA
(BU-Juventus)

there. Eventually, he may have scored. Petersen said he anticipated that Joe Sweeney would miss it — and so he did. Petersen latched onto the ball and hit it low from the right-hand side of the area. All the defenders in the box failed to clear, and the ball landed just inside the far post.

Tommy Cumming was Croatia's only inspiring influence. He defended stoutly, tackled anything near him, and started countless attacks as well. Zinni, who had scored a hat-trick three weeks earlier but lost his place in the team due to a hamstring injury, replaced Cullen with 10 minutes to go.

Croatia defender George Hanna was injured four minutes from the end and replaced by Ivica Juric.

The match featured Gary Ward of Croatia and goalkeeper Yanka Banovic of Juventus playing against their former clubs for the first time. Banovic was faultless without having much to do, and Ward tried hard enough without much help.

Gosing, Maier save the day for 'Buds

**Inter-Monaro 1
N. Rosebud 2**
*Scorers: Thamnides (1M), Kerby, Owens (NR).
Venue: Seiffert Oval.
Cautions: Budini (1M).
Referee: R. Marshall 5.*



Peter Windsor

Newcastle-Rosebud had to withstand intense pressure for the final 30 minutes as Monaro fought desperately to grab the equaliser.

And how close it came! Thanks to Kiwi international goalkeeper Clint Gosing and full back Ralph Maier the visitors kept Monaro out.

Gosing, just sixty seconds from the final whistle, did brilliantly to fling himself sideways to fingertip a stinging Ricki Budini drive around the post.

And with only seconds remaining, from a corner, a stabbed ground shot from NSL debutant, 19 year old Frank D'Addario, was cleared off the goal-line by Maier.

Budini must have reckoned it wasn't his day — although it was Budini who saved Monaro after only eight minutes when Dean Milosevic ran onto a nice Joe Senkalski pass to beat Monaro's goalkeeper Steve Hosowski only to have Budini kneel his shot over the crossbar.

On balance, Newcastle deserved the points. Throughout, it played more constructive and thoughtful football, but it was up against a Monaro team sadly depleted by injuries, suspensions (John Santolin) and the absence in

Johnston, playing up front, invariably did everything right until he took his final shot, but Olympic's goose was cooked when winger Terry Patalis missed in the 72nd minute.

Jurin and Arnold combined to set up Patikas 86th minute goal and he scored again from a Jurin corner six minutes later.

In the 94th minute, Arnold netted his second, but it was sweeper and captain-coach Vedran Rozic who had set the scene with his brilliant defending and pin-point passing.

Three of Croatia's goals arrived in injury time, one in the first half and two in the second. The first period looked like being scoreless when winger Zeiko Jurin burst past Olympic defender Jim Ziras in the 47th minute.

His cross found the waiting head of unmarked striker Arnold, who flashed the ball into goal.

Olympic had produced whole sequences of snappy first time passes earlier. It maintained its impetus until well into the second half but it was Croatia's Dragicevic who scored in the 54th minute.

Man of the match:
CHRIS THAMNIDES
(Inter Monaro)

and this one counted. It was a brilliant solo effort. Newcastle's defence was split by a fine pass from Monaro's workaholic midfielder, Billy Wilcox, but it remained for Thamnides to run fully 50 metres and dribble around Gosing and shoot into the roof of the net.

Monaro, however, let in what was to be the match-winner just sixty seconds before the half-time break.

And full marks to Newcastle for the goal it came from one of the best attacking movements of the day. It involved first midfielder Joe Senkalski, then striker Derek Todd who took the ball to the by-line before pulling to back for full-back Neil Owens to fire into the net.

Newcastle also dominated the first 15 minutes of the second half. It always seemed to have a man in space as Monaro fell back.

But Monaro lifted its game and came at Newcastle which had to withstand great pressure.

Dragicevic angers Monaro

By PETER WINDSOR

NSL wooden spooners Inter-Monaro is \$10,000 out-of-pocket over the incredible saga of Croatian front-runner Emil Dragicevic.

And that's official — at least if one can believe the account of the saga in the club's own program.

The much-publicised Dragicevic played only three or four games for Inter Monaro before returning to Sydney Croatia... but not before scoring five goals.

Talking about the Marconi game which Monaro lost 4-1, the program states: "Monaro took the field without its leading scorer, Emil Dragicevic, who is wanted by league leader Sydney Croatia."

"Dragicevic was cleared to Monaro by his Yugoslav club but Sydney Croatia claims ownership of his registration card on the basis of an agreement allegedly made with a member of Monaro's soccer committee who has since resigned."

"Revelations of the deal with Sydney Croatia, which states that Dragicevic was to be transferred to the Sydney club after playing a few matches with Monaro, came as a complete surprise to the members of the Marconi Polo board and to club supporters. Sydney Croatia has offered to compensate Monaro a sum of \$6,000 for expenses incurred in getting an international clearance for Dragicevic but a club official stated that Dragicevic already has cost the club around \$10,000."

"As it is, the club (Monaro) now has no player and no compensation, not to mention the considerable disruption caused to the team by the sudden disappearance of Dragicevic."

The program's editorial goes on to say that the facts made a mockery of statements made earlier in the season regarding Dragicevic's signing being a real coup.

Mr Entertainment:

**Heidelberg 2
Brisbane Lions 0**
*Scorers: Valentine 22nd, Tassios 39th.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: 1200.
Yellow cards: Heidelberg: Stevenson, Brisbane Lions: R. Stewart, Hunter.
Referee: Jim Fokianos 8.*

Brian Garvey said after the match, that Heidelberg desperately needed a win, having lost three out of the last four matches, and getting on top in a patchy but hard fought encounter was just the type of performance he was looking for.

Garvey gave credit to the visitors, who pushed Heidelberg to the limit, and at times took the initiative, although unable to penetrate the solid defence of the home team.

Socceroo Charlie Yankos had a fine game as did Jeff Oliver, no doubt Frank Arok would have been impressed with the performances of these two members of the national squad.

For the visitors Alan Hunter and Tony Redmond also had good games in the centre of defence, but Heidelberg were effective when attacking wide.

Steve Tassios, Mike Valentini, John Metaxas and the overlapping Ian McKie created havoc getting behind the visitors back four on the flanks on numerous occasions.

Steve Tassios in particular looked dangerous, taking on players with confidence, showing exceptional close skills, and if he continues to improve at this rate, he has the potential to develop into an outstanding entertaining player.

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Ken Kontra

ality area mesmerised two defenders with his footwork before placing the ball almost arrogantly in the back of the net under the diving body of goalkeeper Wayne Evans.

Moments like this do a lot to restore one's confidence in the future of our game! In the 10th minute it was Tassios who beat the ball into the net, but when Stuart Stevenson sustained an injury and had to be substituted, things looked rather grim for the home team.

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In the 75th Russell Stewart tested Jeff Oliver with a long range shot and a few minutes later substitute Roddy Vasquez shot past the post from the penalty area.

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16. Wishart (BC).
15. Dony (GG).
12. Hocking (IM).
11. Greedy (St.G), Gosing (NR).

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NSL UNDER 21 PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

\$500 to the winner

Leaders:
35. Hunter (BL).
35. Maxwell (ACJ).
22. Bundalo (W).
21. Traineades (Mak).
19. Farina (SCH).
18. Franken (Can), Dickson (W).



Marton a bargain buy

Even in this cashless soccer society, brilliant veteran Dez Marton is an absolute bargain at \$2,000. This is the fee his club St. George Budapest has put on his greying head.

To State League clubs, it's a free transfer offer — but Marton doesn't want to play in the State League, not yet, anyway. Maybe when he gets older than his current youthful 37. It seems clear that Marton, for years the celebrated ace striker of the Saints, has fallen out with his coach and long-time mentor, Frank Arok.

Marton is reluctant to publicly criticise Arok — it's becoming an expensive business, as Charlie Egan is finding out — but he makes no secret of his view that everything, including the training routine, has changed at the Saints since their glory year of 1983.

"It's best if I leave," Marton says. "Frank doesn't want to give me another chance. A few times this year he sent me in for the last 15 minutes or so to score a goal."

"Can you imagine? I am expected to walk in and score at once while the others have been there for 75 minutes."

Marton says he is fit — and trains alone. "I know I can still play NSL soccer if given the chance and can prove to Arok that he should have retained me."

"I feel as fit as I did when I was 10 years younger — and there's not an ounce of fat on me."

So it's the end of a love affair. Arok, who once had coached Marton in Novised and then brought him to Australia in 1981, wants to put his veteran out to pasture.

But the veteran has other ideas and the old ties are about to be broken, one way or another.

PS: Marton can be reached by clubs on (02) 533 5865.

— ANDREW DETTRE

Decline of Saints continues

Sydney City 1 St George 0

Scorer: Gomez 68 min.

Venue: Sydney Athletic Field

Referee: Tim Davies

Cautions: Robertson, J.O.-Shea

One can only hope that Frank Arok's "other team", the Soccereros, will not follow the Saints into their deep, almost spectacular decline.

White officialdom argues with Arok when and how he should or should not become full-time national coach, his club team, his love since 1969, is going from bad to worse.

Now one must wonder if it's more than a coincidence that the two most terrible seasons of St. George under Arok, in seven years of top-level soccer, happened to surface since his appointment as part-time national coach.

However, if St. George is suffering because of this split existence, it is doing it in silence, though not the fans who, last Sunday, let go with an array of caustic remarks after their loss to arch rivals Hakoah.

Hakoah, the better team throughout, had more chances and could have won by a bigger margin.

And yet... it could have been so different. In the 56th minute Slater was brutally fouled inside the box and just about the only person not deeming that as a penalty offence was the referee himself.

The first half was uneventful, with only one chance in the 35th minute Koczka headed clear a lob on his line.

Both teams stepped up the tempo after the interval. The Saints looked dangerous whenever Slater became buzz, showing the speed and dash everybody had expected to see from Farina.

Andrew Dettré

Man of the match:

ALEX ROBERTSON

(SC-Hakoah)

In the 63rd minute Slater had his second chance — after the penalty incident — to open the score but his high volley shot went wide.

Five minutes later Hakoah scored. Fletcher's great shot hit the post and the ball rolled along the goal line. Boganic lost it to Gomez as his header rolled into the corner past the badly positioned Greedy.

In the 72nd minute Greedy made amends, taking the ball off the feet of Kosmina — a sort of revenge for the Soccerero captain's provocative behaviour earlier, towards Greedy.

A mere three minutes later a Fletcher header was saved by Greedy — and that was the last positive chance of the game.

From the Soccerero point of view, it was good to see Alex Robertson in such sparkling form — though it's no secret that Alex is only an understudy to some more favored central defenders in the squad.

Gomez had a fair game far from his brilliant best, as did Watson while Pezzano could have just about done crosswords in goal to while away the idle minutes.

Kosmina had a poor game, O'Connor was his usual self and Farina did little apart from a few early sprints.

The Saints never lost their early nerves — it's a mystery why the whole team was jittery, even agitated throughout the match.

This team, as it now stands, is likely to struggle to the bitter end of the season, as it did in 1984.

McGregor's career ends on Sunday



Manou is sent sprawling in a challenge by Makedonia's Phillip Trainades. Picture by Dick Joyner. Above: Makedonia striker Steve Smith (left) feeling the force of Graham Honeyman. Picture: Frank Hobbs.

Man of the match: GRAHAM HONEYMAN (WA-Hellas)

WA Hellas 3 Makedonia 1

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Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Referee: Jim Rossis 8.

Cautions: Nil.

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Gary Cole and Alan Scott did the damage with Price cancelling out Gary Cole's block-busting 25 metre effort two minutes after half time.

Scott followed up with another goal six minutes later and Price capped the fine win four minutes further on.

Cole's goal as pure class, but the Westad treble lost nothing by comparison as each was earned with almost telepathic teamwork.

Hellas owed its success to a number of line performances, but the chief inspirational force was captain Graham Honeyman, who controlled the defence and swept forward at crucial moments to fire the attack.

The first half was hesitant and static, but Hellas blew caution to the wind in the second stanza when it attacked in supporting droves.

The game split a fine farewell for Hellas stalwart Ian McGregor, who made his last home game appearance.

On Sunday, McGregor will wrap up his NSL career against South Melbourne in Melbourne. McGregor is reluctantly departing the national scene because he is being transferred by his employer to Port Augusta.

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APIA 0 Blacktown 3

Venue: Lambert Park

Scorer: Rowden o.g. 30th, P. O'Connor penalty 53rd, Bradley 59th.

Crowd: 1842.

Referee: G. Warner 7.

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Up front McKie and elusive Phil O'Connor received plenty of service and quickly succeeded in finding cracks in APIA's defence.

Although both sides had chances early, O'Connor glided a header off the crossbar in the 6th minute and Marsello casually skied his shot from 10

metres way past the post in the 19th minute, it was Blacktown which deservedly went into the led on the half hour.

Bradley near the byline, angled a sharp cross along the ground and stopper Ian Rowden somehow got his feet into a terrible tangle and bundled the ball into his own net.

APIA managed to scrape through till half-time without further loss of goals, but it was quite evident that Blacktown was not satisfied with scoring only one.

With less than eight minutes gone in the second half, APIA went further behind. Hard-working Brett Thornthwaite surged into the penalty area and when confronted by Terry Butler, he tried to flick the ball over the APIA captain's head. Butler's reflex action saw him unwittingly handle the ball and Phil O'Connor made no mistake from the spot.

No matter what APIA tried it could not penetrate the Demons' goal. In the 55th minute, striker Kerry Caban climbed high and dispatched a powerful header wide of keeper Barry Hoare. The lanky Blacktown custodian was well beaten and expecting the worst turned around to see the ball cannon off the post straight into his arms.

Ironically, in the 59th minute, the best player on the field, Bradley, sealed the result against his former club. He latched on to a poor clearance, darted into the penalty area and four APIA defenders just stood and watched him bend a 12 metre shot around keeper Bob Parks.

APIA did make a late bid for a consolation goal but found Hoare too safe, sure and agile, determined to record another "clean sheet".

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Up front McKie and elusive Phil O'Connor received plenty of service and quickly succeeded in finding cracks in APIA's defence.

Although both sides had chances early, O'Connor glided a header off the crossbar in the 6th minute and Marsello casually skied his shot from 10

metres way past the post in the 19th minute, it was Blacktown which deservedly went into the led on the half hour.

Bradley near the byline, angled a sharp cross along the ground and stopper Ian Rowden somehow got his feet into a terrible tangle and bundled the ball into his own net.

APIA managed to scrape through till half-time without further loss of goals, but it was quite evident that Blacktown was not satisfied with scoring only one.

With less than eight minutes gone in the second half, APIA went further behind. Hard-working Brett Thornthwaite surged into the penalty area and when confronted by Terry Butler, he tried to flick the ball over the APIA captain's head. Butler's reflex action saw him unwittingly handle the ball and Phil O'Connor made no mistake from the spot.

No matter what APIA tried it could not penetrate the Demons' goal. In the 55th minute, striker Kerry Caban climbed high and dispatched a powerful header wide of keeper Barry Hoare. The lanky Blacktown custodian was well beaten and expecting the worst turned around to see the ball cannon off the post straight into his arms.

Ironically, in the 59th minute, the best player on the field, Bradley, sealed the result against his former club. He latched on to a poor clearance, darted into the penalty area and four APIA defenders just stood and watched him bend a 12 metre shot around keeper Bob Parks.

APIA did make a late bid for a consolation goal but found Hoare too safe, sure and agile, determined to record another "clean sheet".

Man of the match: TOMMY ENGLISH (Canberra)

Wollongong 0 Canberra 2

Scorer: English 54th & 62nd

Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds.

Former Coventry striker Tom English stamped his authority on Canberra Olympians 2-0 win at Wollongong Showground.

English converted two opportunities into two goals early in the second half to seal the match after a quiet first half.

The professional authority of the Canberra display impressed Wollongong coach Adrian Alston. "They were efficient everywhere, with no weak links in their side," Alston said.

"Goalkeeper Tony Franken is a future champion."

Franken pulled off some great saves but it was in mid-field where Canberra built the foundations for their success.

John Mihailidis, Terry Byrne and Tom Sermann were superb.

Equally efficient was young Wollongong midfielder Alex Bundalo, who battled hard all day.

The first goal came after 54 minutes when English broke through the Wollongong defence to slam home a

Branko's back but Banevic doesn't arrive

Foot JUST 1
Green Gully 0

Score: Lujic 39th
Venue: Schintler Reserve
Referee: Evan Venios 5
Cautions: Buljevic, Banevic (J), McClelland, Hoggan, Vassallo (G)

Branko Buljevic chinked himself a niche in a new found defensive midfield role; Footscray opened up the relegation battle by closing the gap at the bottom to four points; and Green Gully in serious trouble with additional injury worries to Paul Lewis on top of the team's alarming slump in form.

They were the major topics to emerge from this scrappy game that hardly deserved the status of National League soccer and again left the paying customer without return for his hard earned dollars.

Juventus does it with style



Craig Mackenzie

S. Geo. Cross 1
Ad. Juventus 2

Score: Rankin 36th, Strath 63rd (AJ); Mitten penalty 38th (SGC).
Venue: Chaplin Reserve.
Crowd: about 1,500.
Cautions: Rankin, Flounders, Mella, A.J.
Referee: Glynn Davies 7.

Tyrone James made his first team debut with Sunshine-George Cross but it was the quality of Adelaide City Juventus's inter-passing in midfield which stole the show at Chaplin Reserve.

Juventus coach Edmund Kreft has been saying for some weeks now that his side is far better than results suggest and on the evidence of this display he's right.

Charlie Villani, Adrian Santrac, Brian Northcote and Steve Maxwell form a formidable midfield combination with Villani apparently given the freedom to roam and it was in this area that Sunshine-George Cross fell down badly.

Cross started with three at the back. James and Steve Richardson were midfielders with Gerry Bennett sweeping. Roger Bain wide on the right and Chris Taylor wide on the left, were backed up by Jeff Faulker and Don MacLaren in central-midfield positions.

Only Faulker played well however. Bain tried hard enough. Taylor lost the ball too often trying to dribble out wide in the first half while MacLaren, a good player, had a game he'd want to forget in a hurry.

James is a most economical player. His passing is crisp and accurate and he doesn't take any risks.

Faulker clearly was the pick of the bunch for Cross but he reportedly was suffering from a viral complaint. That's why coach John Gardner took him off in the 70th minute much to the amazement of most onlookers.

Juventus created the clearest chance of the opening 20 minutes. Bugsy Nyskohus put Peter Rankin through but Lou Kastner did well to hold Rankin's firm, low drive from 10 metres.

Three minutes later, Bennett played a good ball up the



Peter Desira

Footscray went into the game without import Luka Banevic who did not arrive in Melbourne on Sunday morning as anticipated after encountering visa problems at the Australian Embassy in Belgrade after making the first leg of his journey from Split.

JUST officials will try to unravel the problems by phone this week and coach Rocco Ilic is still hopeful the 32 year old striker will arrive in time for Sunday's game at Sunshine against George Cross.

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game at senior level was at the end of 1983 at South Melbourne, and who has only mixed it with the boys on the training park since his appointment as team manager at JUST four weeks ago, was enticed out of retirement to help out the injury stricken club.

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Vassallo had been left out of the Gully lineup to make way for the return of Captain Stuart Cannell who struggled all day to come to grips with the midfielder role and must be shifted back to his normal centreback position as soon as possible if Gully is to get the full benefit of his presence.

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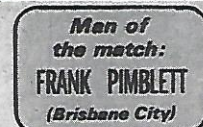
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Man of the match: FRANK PIMBLETT (Brisbane City)

Brisb. City 2 SM-Hellas 1

Score: Egan 27, Fabrizio 68, Reis 81.

Venue: Spencer Park. Crowd: 1613.

Cautions: Wilkinson (BC). Referee: Dave Hughes 4.5.

Brisbane City is proving to be a bogey team for South Melbourne Hellas and the national champion's loss to the Queenslanders at Spencer Park was its third consecutive defeat at the ground.

City beat South 2-1 this time after downing Hellas 1-0 last year and 3-0 in 1983. And it was again a spirited second half performance from the Brisbane side that earned them the two points.

Hellas fast is gaining a reputation as a 45-minute wonder and questions soon must be asked of the commitment of some players to the side.

Hellas, smarting from its loss to Melbourne Croatia the previous week, started in scintillating fashion and appeared to have the game at its mercy. Oscar Crino was totally dominating in midfield and Egan and Brown had the city defence on its knees.

As early as the eight minute Hellas could have opened the scoring, but Ken Murphy shot wide with only keeper Kim Wishart to beat.

With Egan proving too speedy for the City defence a goal was imminent and it finally came in the 27th minute. And it was one worthy of the nation's champion team.

Gary McDowell carried the ball down the right, crossed low to Egan who laid back for Brown to fire into the net. A neat, speedy move that left City stunned.

Hellas kept pressuring City and Egan and Brown had good attempts kept out of the net by keeper Kim Wishart.

But at the break, with the South players obviously content with their lead and probably too over-confident, Jim Hermiston was asking his players the same questions

Penrith 1 Marconi 3

Venue: Cook Park. Crowd: 553.

Referee: Terry Seacy 8.

Cautions: Mason, Rinsworth, Jones.

Score: Gunning 19th, Jankovic pen 25th, 85th, Jones 24th.

Penrith's run of success came to an abrupt end at Cook Park, after Marconi downed the locals 3-1 with the aid of two penalties converted by Mark Jankovic.

Not that Marconi needed those penalty decisions. Playing with vigor and style rarely seen in Australia, Marconi dominated the opening 45 minutes.

Ian Gray was full of running, Craig Mason and Peter Tredinnick with a lot of ideas and fullbacks Lee Sterrey and Paul Carter constantly were making visits to the Penrith hall via the flanks.

It was a dream 45 minutes by Marconi but the score was only 2-1 in favor of the Fairfield outfit. With so much possession and so many openings it was almost criminal to see the new title challenger fail miserably in front of goal.

Rod Brown, such a talented and fast player up front, must do some homework on his headers. The game was hardly 15 seconds old when Geoffrey Gunning took Peter Brown to task before crossing for an unmarked Brown to head wide from a mere three metres.

Then, with Marconi leading 2-1, Brown came forward, fast and furious, ready to do damage. A one-two with Mark Jankovic paid off and the youngster was in the clear, some 14 metres from goal. He tried to place his shot rather than slam it, but it went straight into the arms of Michael Gibson.

With the match almost over, and Marconi 3-1 up, Brown was in the clear yet again, following a very good through ball by Martin Driene. With just Gibson to beat, Brown failed yet again.

I know that this might sound a little too harsh to those who saw the match, for Brown showed far more than just missing chances. He was always a willing forager and his speed was at times too much for the likes of Micky Cross and Brogan, particularly Cross.

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Hellas' bogey strikes again



Ricky Rosso

Len McKendry should ask this week

"I gave them something to think about," Hermiston said refusing to confirm he had biased his team for lack of debut after setting differences with the club's new manager.

Pimblett provided the stability and maturity needed in the City midfield and as youngsters like Luciano Fabrizio, Frank Mengotti and Lee Scriggins gave their all, the experienced former captain sprayed the passes and slowed the play.

And as City grew in confidence, the Hellas players found more spaces to hide. Once Fabrizio had levelled

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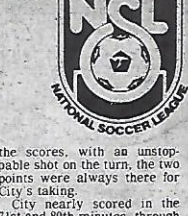
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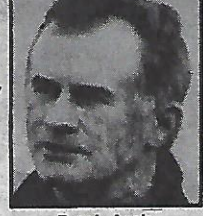
sure of the two points and that was the ball game. He was also on the spot to score from the ensuing penalty after Rod Brown was felled in the 25th minute. Jankovic shot from the penalty spot showed the class of Roberto Vieri, and gave the keeper no chance at all-hard and accurate. Jankovic would have been a hat-trick hero had it not have been for Michael Gibson close to the end of a header followed, but Gibson reacted brilliantly to snap the ball out of the air as it was bound for the top corner.

Marconi's first 45 minutes were a delight. Soccer purists at Cook Park stood in awe and admiration of this side which looks capable of beating anyone.

Mark Jankovic made it 3-1 from the penalty spot to make

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Frank Arok

Spain OK — Arok

Itinerary for Australia's international games at home: INTERNATIONALS

Tuesday 24 Sept. Australia B v. China in Newcastle, Friday 27 Sept. Australia B v. China in Canberra, Sunday 29 Sept. Australia A v. China in Brisbane

WORLD CUP

Sunday 20 October v. Israel in Melbourne Wednesday 23 Oct. v. Taiwan in Adelaide

Sunday 27 Oct v. Taiwan in Hobart

Sunday 3 November v. New Zealand in Sydney

Late November in Melbourne (provisional). Australia's runner-up of European qualifying group seven.

National coach Frank Arok says he would gladly settle on playing Spain if Australia wins the World Cup Oceania elimination series later this year.

Arok is getting his act together for the coming series in which the Socceroos must first account for New Zealand, Israel and Taiwan.

If Australia wins out, it will come up against either Spain, Wales or Scotland, one of which will be the second team in the World Cup European Group 7.

"When I saw Spain play Wales in Wrexham, they sprayed balls anywhere and everywhere," said Arok. "We can do better than Spain in any away game. Our players know what they are doing and there will be no panic in the ranks."

The Australian Soccer Federation World Cup Committee approved the match schedules for the three-match series against China, the home World Cup games and the forthcoming international tournament featuring Tottenham Hotspur, Udinese, Vasco da Gama at its meeting in Sydney.

Australia will play Israel at Olympic Park, Melbourne on Sunday October 20 and New Zealand in Sydney on Sunday November 3.

If Australia survives the World Cup Oceania group series, it will face its European opponent in Melbourne in late October.

Newcastle, Canberra and Brisbane will host the games against China on Tuesday September 24, Friday September 27 and Sunday September 29 respectively.

Although for its first two matches the Australian team to play China has been class as Australia "B", coach Arok will be selecting from players who are both in the national squad or on the fringe.

The Australia v Taiwan match in Hobart on October 27 will be the first full international staged in Tasmania.

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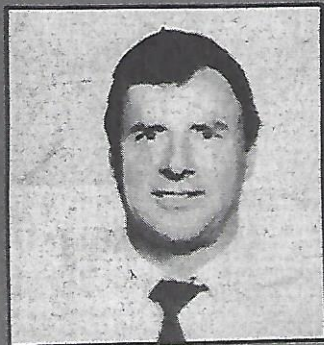
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• Sydney Croatia president Tony Basic.

"I want to thank all our supporters who have been very loyal to Sydney Croatia. Without them nothing can be achieved and they are giving us tremendous support."

These words came from Tony Basic, in his second term as president of Sydney Croatia. His first was from 1977

to 1979. He was club secretary in 1980 and 1983.

Although Croatia didn't have a great year in 1984, its first in the NSL, Basic remained optimistic that much could be achieved in 1985 and his attitude is bearing fruit.

"We've got the support and we've got the players — with these two things, anything is possible," said Basic.

"And we've got a really professional coach. Our job (the committee) is to

support him as much as possible and for him to get on with the job of running the team the way he sees fit.

"I promised the members when I became president again for this year that I'd buy a couple of top players and that's what we did. We'd bought a few average players in the past and that's just not on for Croatia."

Basic came to Australia in 1958 and on March 15 that year became one of the founder members of Sydney

Croatia. He owns his own business, A. Basic's, and he's determined to get Croatia to the top in A. He's well on the way to aim.

Sydney Croatia's soccer record:
1982 — State League champion;
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 champion;
 1982 - State League First Division
 Grand Final winner;
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Croatia

● The Sydney Croatia team that won the 1978 NSW State League championship and also toured North America with distinction. From left, standing: T. Basic, S. Watson, G. Smith, R. Russell, M. Kovacic, K. Coleman, B. Cagaj, B. Gallo (manager), Fred M. Sullivan, P. Mullen, W. Savor, A. Abanyi (coach), J. Russell.

American tour results: v. Edmonton 2-1 (Coleman, Abanyi); v. Calgary 6-2 (Coleman 2, Abanyi 2, Sullivan, Lakoseja); v. Metros Croatia Toronto 1-2 (Abanyi); v. Toronto Zagreb 4-1 (Lesan 2, Coleman, own goal); v. Hamilton 9-0 (Abanyi 3, Kovacic 2, Mullen, Cagaj, Sullivan, Lesan); v. Cleveland 2-2 (Cootes, Leyden); v. Windsor 6-3 (Kovacic 2, Abanyi, R. Russell, Cagaj, J. Russell); v. London 4-0 (Cootes, Leyden, Coleman, Kovacic); v. Chicago 4-2 (Abanyi 2, Kovacic 2); v. Los Angeles 4-0 (Abanyi 2, Cagaj 2).



★ Sydney Croatia, 1985, vying for the Australian championship, from left: Standing: M. Bogdanovic (team official), Drago Tomasic, Vedran Rozic (player-coach), Bruno Vidaic, Greg Woodhouse, Marijan Kovacic, Tony Basic, Graham Arnold, Dr. Bosnic.

Front: Alex Kovacic, Jim Patikas, Shane Clinch, David Rezo, Zeljko Jurin, Zarko Odzakovic. Inset: Wally Savor (left) and Brett Woods. Picture by LES SHORROCK.



★ Krncevic



★ Dragicevic



★ Rozic



★ Odzakovic



★ Patikas

● Big spenders buying success. That's the tag thrown on Sydney Croatia. Unfairly though, for only two big transfers have been paid so far this season - \$25,000 for Jim Patikas from Olympic and \$21,000 for Zarko Odzakovic from Makedonia. That outlay was just about recouped from one Croatia home game this year! So when you command that kind of support, you can afford to buy the best. It's that sort of support which allows Croatia to bring Eddie Krncevic back to Australian soccer. Croatia has reached agreement with Krncevic and his Belgian club, Cercle Brugge, and on June 7, Krncevic arrives in Sydney. Along with Odzakovic, Patikas, Emil Dragicevic (recently returned from a loan stint with Inter Monaco) and player-coach Vedran Rozic, Krncevic will ensure that Croatia remains the excitement machine of 1985.

Penarol star for Auburn

MacLean out, Mila back?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

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| Fairy Meadow | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| Manly Warr | 2 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 6 |
| Canterbury | 1 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 14 | 4 |
| Uruguay | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 3 |
| Narrabeen | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 3 |
| Polonia | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 3 |
| Bankstown | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 10 | 0 |

ROCKDALE ILINDEN 3 (Brown 5th, 28th pen. 36th) BANKSTOWN NATIONAL 0 at Hurstville Oval, Saturday.

ILINDEN: Kotzohambos 7 — Blackburn 6, Pilovski 6, D. Wilson 8, Forester 7 — Pappas 7, Nasteviski 7, Slavski 7 — Triantafyllou 7 (Campanella 87th), Brown 9, Ferguson 5 (Booths 75th).
NATIONAL: Smith 6 — Rajab 8 (Nasari 85th), Nocera 7, Popovich 6, Hutton 7 (Cubington 65th), Durlington 7, Hassan 6, Green 6, Hussein 5, Meerabani 6, Apenian 6.

NARRABEEN 0 URUGUAY 0 at Narrabeen Sports Centre, Saturday.

NARRABEEN: P. Dean 6 — Akoutas 8, Watt 8, Collings 7, Friend 5 — Sarge 7, Jones 7, A. Dean 6, Gale 6 (Sandner 52nd) — Hodgson 5, Van Helden 5 (Poulson 81st).
URUGUAY: Rosano 9 — Jones 7, Hasty 7, Kralovic 7, Folladoso 8 — Plankin 5, G. Fernandez 6, Meneses 7, Rodas 6 — O'Shane 5, Pappas 5 (Arbalo 31st, Carrizo 66th).

CANTERBURY 1 (Kilwan 45th) KURINGAI 2 (Bennett 55th, Sutherland 70th) at Arlington, Sunday.

CANTERBURY: Hummel 8 — Karaspiros 6 (70th), Pentas, Radman 8, Pena 6, Hantzis 8 — Fernalis 5 (Efthimides 64th), 7), Anagnostopoulos 7, Borges 6, Silva 7 — Kirwan 7, Dounis 6.
KURINGAI: Curtis 8 — Kevern 7, Bertram 8, Watson 7, Goldsworthy 9 — Sutherland 8, Bennett 8, Guigley 6, Ellem 6 — McKegan 7, Nile 7.

MELTIA EAGLES 0 FAIRY MEADOW 0 at Melita Stadium, Sunday.

MELTIA EAGLES: Mullen 7 — McPherson 9, Wilson 6, McAusland 7, Rourke 5, Laing 6, Cullinan 6, Farrugia 6, Vial 7 — Walker 5, Henaman 5 (Allan 85th).
FAIRY MEADOW: Young 7 — Chibby 7, Jones 8, Berringer 8, Morlando 7 — Gerald 6, Peil 8, Mowbray 7, Richardson 7 — Fontana 6, Baker 6.

POLONIA 0 AVALA 0 at Chopin Park, Sunday.
POLONIA: Anderson 9 — Lasek 6, Faltzon 7, Vujinovic 9, A. Colusso 6 — Pop 7, D. Colusso 6, Kodor 8 — Mahamah (Chou 78th), Sobczyk 7, Jovic 7.
AVALA: Thurlow 7 — Jordan 7, Lembyk 8, Divani 7, Atagic 7 — Lucchessi 6 (Da Silva 74th), Brown 6, Tracey 6 (Martinez 80th) — Carney 7, Jeffery 5, Anderson 6.

SUTHERLAND 1 (DalForno 87th) MANLY WARRINGAH 1 (Gabriel 4th) at Seymour Shaw, Sunday.

SUTHERLAND: Darr 7 — Nelson 7, Hesford 6 (sent off 81st) DalForno 8, Terry 7, 21, Webber 6, Groomer 8, Harrington 8, Rogers 6 (Tasker 76th) — Beggs 7, Gray 6.
MANLY: Ian Barker 7 — Pegano 7, J. Dick 9, Foy 7, Jeff Barker 7 — Gabriel 7, Stevens 7, Campbell 8 — Fox 6 (Stuart 70th) Leak 7 (Pearce 85th), A. Williamson 7.

Ljubo Gojkovic resigned last week as coach of Narrabeen after meeting the club's administrators.

Gojkovic tendered his resignation, citing "personal reasons" for his decision. However, he is adamant that the club can become a force in State League with its large district following.

Meanwhile, Auburn-Uruguay is set to become one of the glamour teams of the league with news that guest player Julio Estavijo is due shortly. Estavijo is a former Penarol, Nacional of Montevideo and Panathinaikos star.

And Josef Procop, recently dumped by NSW outfit Ilinden Monaro, has taken over as coach of Bankstown National. However, National slumped to a 0-3 loss to Rockdale. Ilija Takacs, who quit as coach of Rockdale Ilinden a few weeks ago, is unhappy with some statements released by the club since his departure and has said that he'll "open up" should any further statements be issued by Ilinden.

On the playing front, Melita Eagles were rocked by Fairy Meadow at Melita Stadium and could have lost the game late in the piece had Meadow players finished better. Let's get on to the match action:

Canterbury 1 Ku-Ring-Gai 2

Venue: Arlington Oval
Scorers: Kirwan 45th, Bennett 55th, Sutherland 70th

Paul Kirwan made it 1-0 in the second minute of extra time in the first half after some good work by Louis Dounis, but Ku-Ring-Gai came back through Bennett and Sutherland to collect the points.

Fourteen minutes into the second half Ku-Ring-Gai was on even terms. Lee Sutherland made space before finding Mark Nitz whose cross was hammered home by David Bennett.

With 20 minutes remaining David Bennett took a throw-in which found the head of Lee Sutherland who headed past the advancing Hummel for the winner.

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Melita 0
F. Meadow 0

Venue: Melita Stadium

In one of the least entertaining matches this season Melita lost a point to the league newcomer.

Playing with only two up front, Meadow might have been just a little too cautious in its approach.

As it was, the side from the South Coast not only played well enough to deserve a draw but had two clear cut chances to take both points. The visitors found the upright in the 85th then, with two minutes to go, Fontana misdirected his header from right in front leaving Melita thankful.

Avala 0
Polonia 0

Venue: Chopin Park

The surprise of the round saw Polonia take a point from Avala in an evenly contested match.

Steve Anderson was Polonia's hero with some brilliant saves, including one from Glen Jeffery's penalty in the fifth minute of the match!

Anderson will have to do his rescue stunt a few more times this year for there is no good news coming out of Poland yet. According to Polonia officials, all papers relating to the transfer of two Polish players are in order but red tape in Poland could see them play in Australia anytime between 1995 and 2001!

Sutherland 1
Manly 1

Venue: Seymour Shaw
Scorers: Gabriel 4th, DalForno 87th

Mainly dominated during the first half and scored an early goal through Zeyna Gabriel. Steve Leak was brought down and Manly was awarded a free kick outside the area. John Dick sent in a scorcher which Paul Dart only managed to parry for Gabriel to chime in and score.

The wind, which assisted Manly during the first half, intensified during the second period allowing Dart to send his goalkeepers straight into the opposition penalty area. Ian Barker did a lot of work during this period to keep Manly in front, making a particularly good save from a Peter Beggs header.

With minutes to spare, a Nigel Groomer cross found Vic DalForno at the far post. His header hit the ground in front of Barker then bounced into the back of the net.

UEFA Cup in Real's grasp

SZEKESFEHVAR, Hungary: Real Madrid made virtually certain of winning its first European trophy in 19 years when it beat Hungarian host Videoton 3-0 in the firstleg of the UEFA Cup final here last week.

Miguel gave Real, six times champion of Europe, a first

half lead and veteran striker Carlos Santillana and Argentine Jorge Valdano netted after the interval as Videoton bowed to the aristocrats.

Real's superb man-to-man marking, with West German Uli Stielike sweeping magnificently at the back, damped the Hungarians' early fire and Videoton created just one scoring opportunity in the first 30 minutes when Gyozo Bursca hit the post.

Real's reaction of that let-off was swift.

Austria hopes for Hungarian win

GRAZ, Austria: Austria's chances of qualifying for next year's World Cup were boosted last week when it crushed Cyprus 4-0 in a European qualifying Group Five match.

Austria is second in the group behind Hungary and was relying on the Hungarians to defeat the Netherlands in the final qualifier on Tuesday, May 14 (last night), to stop the Dutch grabbing a place in Mexico.

Hungary, with a maximum 10 points from five matches, already has qualified.

Peter Hrstic opened the scoring for Austria in the second minute of the match but the home side then found the 10-man Cypriot defence hard to penetrate.

It took a further 34 minutes before Toni Polster netted the second goal and Austria went into the second half 2-0 up.

Walter Schachner scored Austria's third goal in the 54th minute and Gerald Willfurth netted the fourth in the 73rd.

Cyprus missed a scoring chance in the 28th minute when Savvides evaded the defence and had goalkeeper Koncilia beaten only to see Karl Braunerder scoop the ball off the goal line.

However, one of the clashes of the year takes place at Croydon Park on Sunday when league leader Croydon tackles second placed Morwell Falcons.

The news from Falcons isn't good. Steve Moore seems likely to need surgery to correct a pelvic complaint and Jim MacLean injured his Achilles last weekend and is doubtful for this match. If MacLean can't play, a lot of the flair and playmaking ability goes out of the side at a time when Falcons want to peg back Croydon in the title race.

But Falcons coach Jimmy Dunne remains optimistic.

"Yes, we can beat Croydon. I think we've been a bit of a jinx side for them in recent times," said Dunne.

Dunne is likely to instruct one of his front runners, either Ian Stirton or Russell Athers, to push right up onto Croydon sweeper Dave Singleton. It was noticeable against Springvale last weekend, that Singleton dropped very deep. Purists would argue over what sort of cover Singleton gave stopper Jim O'Reilly and his fellow defenders in that match, not that it mattered much, for Springvale was going forward in a hit or miss manner.

The significance of this match can't be overstressed. After all, I've got a bet with Hammy McMechan which well could hinge on the outcome here.

I phoned Frankston Pines coach Danny McMinimee on Sunday evening and for the second time in three weeks Peter Thurlow answered, so he's a definite starter when Pines tackle Knox City at Monterey Reserve on Saturday.

Knox coach Duncan Smith was disgusted with his side's 1-6 loss to Northcote last weekend.

"We were garbage. The lads had trained really well but when it came to the game we just didn't do the business. My job's on the line," said Smith.

And Knox is unlikely to get much joy from its trip to the Pines.

Janusz Przybyla came on at half time in Polonia's clash with Falcons last Saturday so he looks like being in the starting line-up against the Hillmen. Leszek Gregorczuk broke down in the reserves game last weekend and is, having a hell of a time trying to shrug off a hamstring complaint. However, John Little made his debut with Polonia against Falcons and once

caught goalkeeper Peter Diszt going the wrong way. Juanito, the darling of the Bernabeu Stadium terraces in his younger days, produced a glimpse of his old magic when he came on as substitute and set up the third goal for Valdano, two minutes from time to make the second leg next week a formality.

Real, which has endured a miserable season in Spain and only reached the final after a controversial victory over Internazionale Milan in the semis, could have won even more convincingly.

Real's second goal in the 76th minute when he exchanged passes with new Spanish "wonderboy" Emilio Butragueno before crossing to Santillana whose firm header

Northern Ireland referee Alan Snoddy booked Austria's Pichler and Braunerder and Fotis and Pattakis of Cyprus. The teams:

AUSTRIA: Koncilia, Lainer, Pezzey, Pichler, Braunerder, Hoernemann, Probst, Hrstic, Willfurth, Schachner, Polster (Pacult 68th minute).

CYPRUS: Andreas Konstantinou, Kostas Konstantinou, Erotokritos, Pantazis, Patakis, Marangos, Vringodakis, N'ko'Isou, Fitis, Savvides, Fotis.

Group Five standings
Hungary..... 5 0 0 12 3 10
Austria..... 3 1 0 9 8 7
Netherlands..... 2 1 2 10 5 5
Cyprus..... 0 0 6 3 18 0

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BUFFALO STATE LEAGUE STANDINGS

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| CROYDON | 6 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 4 | 14 |
| MORWELL F. | 5 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 10 | 12 |
| FAWKNER | 5 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 6 | 11 |
| POLONIA | 3 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 10 | 9 |
| F'ston Pines | 3 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 11 | 9 |
| Box Hill | 3 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 10 | 9 |
| Northcote | 3 | 3 | 2 | 15 | 12 | 9 |
| West Suburbs | 3 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 12 | 8 |
| Thomastown | 2 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 12 | 8 |
| Albion Turk Gucu | 3 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 7 |
| Knox City | 2 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 23 | 5 |
| R. Wilhelmina | 1 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 16 | 4 |
| St. Alb. Dinamo | 2 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 24 | 4 |
| Springvale | 1 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 3 | 3 |

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 CROYDON CITY 1 (McDonald 21st) at Ross Reserve, Saturday.

SPRINGVALE CITY Perry Mur 7 - K. Humble 8, Luyten 5, Bannan 7, Fitzpatrick 6 - Luca 6 (Matthews 82nd), Bentley 8, Adams 7 - D'Amico 5 (Nelson 60th), Garvey 5, Bell 6, Coach Ian Greener.
CROYDON CITY Whiteside 6 - Brown 7, O'Reilly 8, Singleton 6, Tansey 7 - McDonald 8, Kerr 7, Beech 7, Livingstone 7 - Ollerton 6, Brogan 6, Coach: Peter Ollerton.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 McDonald (Croy) 2 O'Reilly (Croy) 1 Bentley (Spring).

STALBANS DINAMO 1 (Morovic 14th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 2 (Storm penalty 22nd, Kebede 86th) at Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

STALBANS DINAMO Pokas 7 - Ramljak 5, Bozic 8, Brkijacic 6, S. Grigic 5 - Lericic 6, Culina 5, Rastocic 6 - Dezic 6, Bruno 4, Morovic 7 (Pavlovic 73rd, Coach Tony Vrzina).
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA Lee 7 - Haupt 8, Corke 7, Murray 6, Shannon 7 - Bakker 5 (Kebede 45th 6th), Storm 5, Burton 6 - Nyholt 6, Thompson 6, Stewart 5 (van Egmond 45th), Shi, Coach: Cor Teeuw.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Haupt (RW) 2 Bozic (StAl) 1 Corke (RW).

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (Cassar 6th, Stirtion 25th, Innes o.g. 40th) POLONIA 1 (Gibson 60th) at North Churchill Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS Blissy 8 - Bingham 9, Bruns 8, Tutill 8, Train 8 - J. van Baar 80th, MacLean 8 (inj. Digulio 65th), O'Callaghan 7, Cassar 8 - Stirtion 8, Athersych 8, Coach: Jimmy Dunne.
POLONIA Dzielakowski 6 - Lapiarski 7, Smolarek 7, Innes 7, Vonja 6 (Przybyla H.T. 6) - Gibson 9, Avian 6, Kolcz 7, Little 6 (Petals 80th) - Warsawski 6, Auld 6, Coach: Eddie Reid.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Little (Morw) 2 Gibson (Pol) 1 MacLean (Morw).

BOX HILL 1 (Verchia 24th) FAWKNER 1 (Mancinelli 25th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL Harrison 7 - Brooks 7, McMillan 7, Lawler 7, Roodhouse 7 - Azzopardi 7, Hughes 8, Ramos 7, White 6 - Verchia 8, A. Humble 7, Coach: Keith Webster.
FAWKNER Terzini 4 - Fattore 8, Macleod 7, Hebbson 8 - Lia 7, Brogan 7, Quigley 7, Mancinelli 8 - Palinkas 6, Cozzella 8, Loughane 8, Coach: Gus Macleod.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Verchia (BH) 2 Cozzella (Fawk) 1 Hughes (BH).

WESTERN SUBURBS 0 FRANKSTON PINES 0 at Ralph Reserve, Sunday.

WESTERN SUBURBS Tachris 6 - Howe 6, Dimovski 7, Esposito 8, Lekkas 7 - K. Coyle 7, Beattie 7, John Condilis 7 - Melets 6, Bouzas 6, Coach: Jimmies Condilis.
FRANKSTON PINES Jansson 8 - Cumming 7, Thurlow 8, Lawson 6, Ferlie 8 - Cooke 6, Ross 6, Cullen 6 - Dick 6, Webster 7, Thomas 6, Coach: Danny McMinimie.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Esposito (WS) 2 Jansson (Pines) 1 Ferris (Pines).

KNOX CITY 1 (Tunstall 50th) NORTHCOE 6 (Bekiaris 5th, Patsakos 18th, 80th, Filippis 28th, P. Constantinou 40th, Dionisopoulos 70th) at Egan Lee Reserve, Sunday.

KNOX CITY Brian 4 - Loy Saisi 6, Smith 5, Blesinger 7, Byrne 4 - Tunstall 4, Murray 4 (Lucio Saisi H.T. 5), Wild 4 (D. Bryden H.T. 5) - Pilbeam 6, Pate 7, Hawthorne 5, Coach: Duncan Smith.
NORTHCOE Giannopoulos 7 - Patinotis 8, Cutler 8, Bozakis 8, Kouremenos 7 - Bekiaris 8, Toro 8, Moshidis 6 (Stiliadis 60th) - P. Constantinou 7, Patsakos 7, Filippis 7 (Dionisopoulos 65th), Coach: Jimmy Pyrgoulas.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Toro (North) 2 Bekiaris (North) 1 Patinotis (North).

THOMASTOWN 0 ALBION TURK GUCU 1 (Latif 70th) at Partridge Reserve, Sunday.

THOMASTOWN Raponi 8 - DiBerardino 6, Cosentino 8, Arcoraci 8, Carfora 6 - Latic 7, Franceschi 5 (Tavolero 70th), B. Coyle 6, N. Constantinou 6 - Fragale 6 (Dallas 70th), Flaherty 7, Coach: Joe Wilson.
ALBION TURK GUCU W. Bryden 7 - Gatt (inj. Behich 30th), Gilmour 8, Jovicic 9, Douglas 6 - Bennett 6 (inj. Emilovski 60th), Reilly 7, Purcell 7, Alfonso 7 - Latif 9, Patsaman 6, Coach: Tommy Traynor.

Best three for Schipano Player of the Year award 3 Jovicic (Alb) 2, Latif (Albion) 1, Cosentino (Thomast).

SCHIPANO BEST PLAYER AWARD

Schipano Home Furnishers are sponsoring our 1985 State League Player of the Year award. The winner receives \$1,000 worth of furniture of his choice.

Leading votegetters:

- 13 - Livingstone (Croydon)
- 9 - MacLean (Morwell), Cosentino (Thomastown)
- 9 - Cozzella (Fawkner), Culina (Dinamo)
- 7 - McMillan, Verchia (Box Hill), Bannan, Adams (Springvale), Webster (Pines), Raponi (Thomastown)
- 6 - A. Humble, Harrison (Box Hill), Boyle (Fawkner), Bissinger (Knox), Warsawski (Polonia), Thomas (Pines)
- 5 - O'Reilly, McDonald (Croydon), Bruns (Morwell), Patinotis (Northcote), Dimovski, Tachris (Suburbs), Haupt (Wilhelmina)
- 4 - Tansey (Croydon), Latif (Albion), Pate (Knox), Wilson, Giannopoulos (Northcote), Stenson, McGuinness (Suburbs), Bozic, Morovic (Dinamo), Cooke (Pines).

VSF TRAVEL CLUB AWARD

The VSF Travel Club, in conjunction with Ametco Travel, is sponsoring our 1985 State League Top Scorer award. The winner receives a return trip to Singapore, flying Thai International.

Leading scorers:

- 8 - A. Humble (Box Hill), Thomas (Pines)
- 7 - Morovic (Dinamo)
- 6 - Cozzella (Fawkner), Athersych (Morwell)
- 5 - French (Croydon), Stirtion (Morwell), Warsawski (Polonia), McGuinness (Suburbs)
- 4 - Patsakos, Filippis (Northcote), Webster (Pines), Latic (Polonia)
- 3 - Livingstone (Croydon), Latif (Albion), Palinkas (Fawkner), Cassar (Morwell), P. Czpanik, Auld (Polonia), P. Constantinou (Northcote), Flaherty (Thomastown)

no more rejects!

By PETER DESIRA

Dinamo 1 Wilhelmina 2

Scorers: 1-0 Morovic 14th, 1-1 Storm 72nd pen, 1-2 Kebede 84th

St Albans Dinamo must stop picking up discards from Melbourne Croatia if it is to survive and eventually become a force in State League.

That is the firm belief of new coach Tony Vrzina and that is a comment he made to the Dinamo committee on the night he accepted the job last week.

"I'm surprised some of the players (already at Dinamo) don't even have a basic knowledge of the game," Vrzina said after this loss.

"I let the people already at the club pick the team before the match because I had not seen the players play at close range before. But I know them well after watching them for 90 minutes."

"I know there is a lot of work to be done. Most of the players are untested and that is the reason Ringwood ran us off the park in the second half."

Dinamo squandered an early lead to give Wilhelmina its first win of the season.

Much of the damage was done by the stranglehold the visitors took in midfield after the half-time break and much of the drive was provided by Ethiopian Sissaye Kebede.

Frail looking and sporting a huge Afro hairstyle which engulfs his face, Kebede showed some delicate close control, a good eye and a great appetite for the ball only to spoil his display with some atrocious finishing after creating the chances.

He wasn't alone in that department for Wilhelmina could have seen up this game long before scoring a freakish goal six minutes from the end if it had taken all the chances it created.

Kebede's appetite for the ball may well have been generated by the year he has had to sit on the sidelines. He's been waiting for FIFA to grant him permission to register as an amateur after the Ethiopian federation refused to grant him an international clearance along with three other Ethiopians who fled the country immediately after playing for Ethiopia against Mauritius in an under 21 international in May, 1983.

Kebede surely would agree there was a touch of luck about the way he scored the goal in the 84th minute to settle the issue in the drizzle at Churchill Reserve. The midfielder got on the end of a Barry Burton freekick from the left with an awkward header which somehow eluded Darko Pokas, smashed against the crossbar and then bounced down over the

goalline.

Referee Andy Frangou was well placed to award the goal despite the token protests from Dinamo players.

Dinamo had opened the scoring in the 14th minute when Steve Grigic got on the end of a Danny Deric cross and turned it into the box with an overhead kick for Dennis Morovic to shoot home on the turn.

Mark Bakker provided a good cross for Kenny Stewart to hit a volley which forced Pokas into a good save before the two players were replaced by Kebede and Nick Van Egmond at half time.

Dinamo could have increased its lead five minutes before the break when Zlatko Lerotic finished off a good crossfield move with a fine shot but Stuart Lee made a good save to deny the home side.

After squandering numerous openings, Wilhelmina finally cancelled out the goal from the penalty spot after Pokas brought down John Nyholt in the box. Kees Storm, who had an otherwise quiet game, calmly slotted the spotkick away.

The two points from the match lifted Wilhelmina off the bottom for the first time this season and on this showing the side has the potential to play its way well out of the relegation area.

CROYDON'S FOLLOWING IN GULLY'S FOOTSTEPS

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Springvale 0 Croydon 1

Scorer: McDonald 21st

Croydon only did what it had to do win this match but you always had the feeling that had Springvale scored it merely would have provoked Croydon into re-arranging the scoreline in much more emphatic fashion.

I like this Croydon side and its capacity to play and kick if need be.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying that it's a dirty side. I'm saying it's that there isn't a

side in State League that will kick Croydon off the park, if that approach is adopted and when you look at the recent results in Sydney Hakoah, St. George and South Melbourne Hellas and Green Gully's State League achievements in the early 1980s, you realise that it's this ability to play as well as dish it out that these sides have in common.

The winner here came in the 21st minute when Croydon's best, midfielder Matt McDonald, was set up by player-coach Peter Ollerton and hammered a fine drive past Perry Mur into the top near corner.

Springvale's best chance in the first half came in the 35th minute when Keith Adams put Eddie Bell through but Bell's weak drive was easy pickings for Billy Whiteside.

Dave Brogan scythed down Adams a few minutes later when Brogan escaped with a lecture from referee Evan Venios but in the second half Venios booked Brogan's team mate, Alan Kerr, for complaining.

A curious phenomenon this, whereby the spoken word, the appearance of yellow cards, while flying studs prompt a mere ticking off. It's a major problem in

Doves sunk, Wallace hits four

3, Brack 9, Mantel 8, Stone 8, Reid 8, Wallace 5, Jamieson 7, Klepac 9.

Barker's coach Dave Jones' 4-3-3 combination put top dividends when Mooroolbark crushed Moorabin City 4-0.

The Barkers dominated opening the score in the two minutes of play, when William Stone placed a corner kick into the goal area and Dave Klepac connected with a high header to Neil Wallace whose header rebounded off the shoulder of Senese into the corner of the net.

In the 32nd minute, winger Roby Mantel put over a cross for Wallace who hammered home his second goal.

In the 32nd minute, 15 year old Paul Jamieson, playing his first game, was unlucky as his shot just skimmed the crossbar.

In the 64th minute Klepac latched onto a ball from Reid and unselfishly passed to Wallace, who had Dave Brown at his mercy and netted his third goal. Wallace made it 4-0 in the 81st minute.

Waverley City 2 (Grimwade 62nd, Willcox 80th) KEILOR AUSTRIA 0. Victorian Second Division match at Keilor, Saturday.

Waverley City Darch - Coulter, Patterson, Dixon, Wilson Kennan, Willcox, Storey, Grimwade, Gaboras, Drougde, At Harris Road, Keilor.

Waverley broke the deadlock 17 minutes after the interval. Terry Grimwade timed his run perfectly in joining a Waverley counter-attack and placed his shot firmly past Tom Costello.

Keilor threatened the Waverley goal several times, but lost all hope of a point when Norm Willcox made it 2-0 about 10 minutes from the end.

MOORABBIN 0 MOOROOLBARK 4 (Wallace 2nd, 32nd, 64th, 81st). Victorian Third Division match at Victory Park, Saturday.

MOORABBIN: Brown 7, Laverty 5, Morgan 4, Kenna 4, Tierney 6, G. Senese 4, Blakey 7, C. Senese 7, Gregory 8, Martinovich 9, Bris 6 (Tony H.T.B.).
MOOROOLBARK: Scanlon 8, Caidie 9, Donnan 9, Vandenbosch 9.

STENSON NO TO OLYMPIC



• Sydney Olympic last week failed in a bid to sign Ged Stenson (pictured) of Victorian State League Club Western Suburbs. Stenson reportedly was made an excellent offer by Olympic which agreed with Suburbs on a \$10,000 transfer fee but Stenson didn't want to move to Sydney.

Victorian soccer and the sooner the referees get together and decide that foul challenges with their potential to injure are more damaging than foul language, the healthier our game will be.

Off the soap-box and back to the action.

In the 44th minute, Gordon Bentley got past Jim O'Reilly and was only 10 metres from the Croydon goal, on a tight angle. Bentley was about to set up one of two team mates dead in front but Venios stopped play, waiting for a free kick to Springvale as O'Reilly had fouled Bentley. It was Springvale therefore, which was penalised by the decision.

Ollerton could have wrapped things up five minutes into the second half, running onto Bro-

gan's through ball, but he shot wide.

In the 76th minute, Ollerton headed firmly from an Alex Livingstone corner but Tom Fitzpatrick cleared off the Springvale line.

With two minutes left, Livingstone played a superb through ball to Ollerton, who had got goal-side of John Luyten, but Ollerton shot wide of the near post.

In the dying seconds, Springvale almost stole a point. Bentley's corner was headed on by Bentley at the near post. Jim Nelson, who had come on for Joe D'Amico in the 60th minute, almost got a shot in. The ball lobbed up in the air and Whiteside charged out of goal but missed with his punch. In the ensuing melee, the ball was cleared off the Croydon line.

SELECTIONS

VICTORIAN DIVISION ONE
Saturday: DEWTON v Broadmeadows; Doncaster: Rows v MELBOURNE; SUNBURY v Caulfield City; Kew Park Rangers v Albion City; Norwood City v MORDUNTO.
Sunday: WERRIBEE v Nth Dandenong; MORELAND v HEDDON.

DIVISION TWO
Saturday: ELTHAM v Royal Richmond; SANDRINGHAM v Hamlyn Rangers; Mt MORILL v Nth Geelong; STY GARDEN v Bell v STY YARRA v Monash Utd; Geelong Utd v DUNLEIGH Utd.

DIVISION THREE
Saturday: Port Melbourne v Ballam; Kewdale v Essendon City; GEELONG v Springvale Utd; Corio v YARRAVILLE; Yallum v PRANMAN; CELTIC, MOOROOLBARK v Heidelberg; Bundoora, MOORABBIN City v Prahran.

DIVISION FOUR
Saturday: Rossmore v CLIFTON HILL; Border v BALLARAT; FERNVIE GULLY v Holland Park; LADON Utd v Lyster; Koroit v EAST BRUNSWICK; GREENSBOROUGH v Ardeer; Langwarrup v BRIGHTON.

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DIVISION TWO
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WRONG, MR. DETTRE!

SIR —

A reply to Andrew Dettre's column headed "Pastoral, proletarian and picturesque, but should they be playing in NSW?" The article appeared on page two of the April 24, 1985 issue of "Soccer Action". Unfortunately, Mr. Dettre, your edification of the stereotypes which you presume make for success in the semi-professional world of our current regionalised national competition is not shared by Blacktown City.

Demographically, the future development of your much vaunted "cosmopolitan" ethic lies principally in the western metropolitan area of Sydney, so it would seem logical to me that Blacktown City, with its centre at Seven Hills, and embracing the local government areas of Blacktown, Baulkham Hills, Parramatta and Holroyd is going to inherit the necessary strata which will enable the club to reflect the aspirations of those from the region who choose the world game for their enjoyment.

Yes, Mr. Dettre! There are many of us in this region who actually enjoy soccer, and we will not be shaped into your concept which necessitates "nervous tension off the field", "being prepared to brawl for our team", "a tribal war in the making".

Sociologically, the family is still highly regarded in our region, and in particular, the club will maintain at all costs its principle of catering for family groups e.g. Family Night in the club auditorium after every home game, home game entertainment which includes, for example, a game between two ladies competitive teams, a round robin series of games (mini-soccer) for under six teams from the region, and a penalty shot-out competition for eight teams with two players of ages 8, 9, 10 or 11, in each team. The Demon Cheer Leaders will continue to perform their colourful engaging displays through music, dance and marching.

Who has the right to limit this great game to the eyes of 22 players for 90 minutes once a week?

Incidentally, in the Blacktown City auditorium during Family Night on Sunday, April 18, a player with the initials K.K., after he had so con-

Letters to the Editor

scientifically presented four teams of Under six players with their pennants, said, as he surveyed the composition of the capacity crowd:

"This is just great to see the youngsters, their parents and grandparents relaxing in a friendly atmosphere. Unfortunately, we in England have to a large extent, lost this precious aspect of the game. No, Mr. Dettre! We will not be importing. "Those hundreds of passionate British fans," but we would certainly invite one British ambassador back to the western metropolitan region, because he presents the world of soccer at its highest levels of integrity, skill, character development, healthy leisure outlets, and commitment to oneself and the family.

Mr. Dettre, because I believe that you have really missed the significance of the Blacktown City commitment to the growth of soccer in its region, may I quote to you from an article contained in the Souvenir Match Programme produced for the visit to Blacktown City by that player with the initials K.K. The paragraph in question was prefaced by the fact of the club's relegation from the N.S.L. at the end of 1981 season, and that the club would not relinquish its long term goals by buying a team, at highly inflated prices, thus halting other important aspects of development.

The club is convinced that its decision was correct, as the next two years enabled it to implement plans that were to have a far-reaching effect on the club's long-term future. The most prominent of these was the creation of its Youth Development Academy, out of which will undoubtedly come the representative players of the future."

Sir! Blacktown City does have "genuine aspirations for success on the field".

Finally, I am sure that Blacktown City will be functioning within its region in the year 2000, but I wonder whether the present "cosmopolitan" clubs will have enough real money to continually prop up their short term queues?

— DAVID J. BAIRD
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The problem of pitch invasions

SIR — I refer to your article headed, "Melbourne woes", in the issue of Soccer Action, dated April 17, 1985, and written by Peter Scott.

In your article, it appears you are implying that pitch invasions only occur at Melbourne games, and that Green Gully was responsible for this particular pitch invasion. May I say that firstly, the supporters who invaded the pitch during this game were NOT Green Gully supporters.

Secondly, Green Gully did all that was possible to avoid a situation such as this. Seven police and seven club officials acting as ground marshalls were employed for this match.

Let's face facts. The game of soccer in Australia generally does not attract large crowds, and clubs cannot employ many more than a handful of police, firstly, because of expense and secondly, because the Police Department would not send out more than a handful, either because of staff shortages, or the size of the attendance not warranting more police assistance.

The question of official club marshalls is a matter of concern. The idea of having 20 or 30 marshalls around the ground is a good one, however, some visiting spectators may see this as antagonism.

I believe that there is one, if not two plans of action that clubs can take. Firstly, clubs must be encouraged to "weed" out known trouble makers and hoodlums from their membership and support. These "people" are in the minority. On occasion, they tend to insight people immediately surrounding them, to either riot or cause nuisance. I believe that, because of the financial loss that some clubs would suffer from this exercise, many of them are loathe to even bandy the idea around.

Secondly, the erection of high fences around the playing pitches would be the ultimate answer. This plan of action might have to be enforced by the authorities however, because most clubs would

dismiss this idea due to the expense involved. The authorities may also shy away from this idea for obvious reasons.

— VAN LAKIS,
Secretary,
Green Gully S.C.

Look at the locals, Frank

SIR —

While watching the Monday night soccer show on SBS recently, I was amazed to hear an interview with Frank Ark in which he said that he was trying to entice a star forward from Tottenham Hotspur to help his side St George out of relegation trouble.

How in the hell can an Australian national coach say things like this? He's trying to bring players from overseas when I reckon that he should be trying to develop local talent. You never know, if he tries hard to bring on a few local youngsters, he might even develop a couple of national team players for the future.

What good is relying on second rate players from overseas to play for Australia?

— GEORGE GINIS,
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Victoria

A test-tube midfielder!

SIR —

The Andrew Dettre column ("Soccer Action" 1/5/85) must rank as the biggest load of rubbish written by a sports columnist anywhere in the world.

The suggestion that Australians will never make ideal top-class midfielders due to a lack of the right genetics must surely be picked up by sports agencies around the world as the "joke quote" of the year.

Unfortunately, to dispel any doubts that the comments were to be taken seriously, Mr. Dettre ploughs on by excluding some of migrants from his theory, even if they were born in Australia.

This attitude reminds one of the time when England thought no other country would ever learn to play soccer or cricket or when America thought no-one else could sail a 12 metre yacht and India and Pakistan considered that only Asians could win at hockey and squash.

Despite the success of Australians in most of these sports plus tennis, swimming and athletics, a top class midfielder's role in soccer (according to Andrew Dettre) will

not be achieved by an Australian due to genetic deficiency! Perhaps the answer can be found in genetic engineering and Australia can produce the world's first test-tube midfielder!

Meanwhile, I suggest that Mr. Dettre reads the excellent interview with coach Dom Kapevanovic ("Soccer Action" 1/5/85) for a more sensible solution to the problems of soccer in this country.

— PETER LEWIS
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Victoria

What about other clubs?

SIR —

I am a regular reader of your paper and believe it's good value. However, I wish to take this opportunity, to express my concern or should I say disappointment, with the regular feature titled "Viva Italia!" with Rocky Di Zio.

Whilst this column is at all times well written and in fact the concept of such a column is an excellent one, as are the Greek and Yugoslav columns, I believe that for some time now it has lost its sense of direction. As a result, I feel it should be more correctly

called, "Viva Brunswick Ju-

ventus" with Rocky Di Zio! For some time now, the column has had a 90 to 95% Brunswick Juventus content. We have continued to read the fortunes and misfortunes of this club and little or no mention has been made of any other local Italian club or interstate club for that matter. Not to mention matters of interest from the Italian League.

In fact the ultimate, which I believe the editor should never have allowed to happen (given that the article was in Italian), occurred quite a few weeks ago when the column openly called for the sacking of the then Juventus coach Tommy Traynor who was subsequently sacked.

I must point out that I am not affiliated with any club in particular, and have a great deal of respect and admiration for the Juventus club and what it stands for. I also accept that Juventus is playing in the nations' highest league.

However, as a soccer fan, I am also interested in the recent rise of Thomastown, what is going on at Fawkner, Morwell, Regent, East Brunswick, Bulleen, Triestina, Eagles United etc.

— PAUL LOSTIA
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La Juventus e compagne dominatrici indiscusse

VIVA ITALIA!

with ROCKY DI ZIO

La doima giornata del campionato di Lega Nazionale, nel girone meridionale, si è tintita di azzurro con esaltanti vittorie delle tre squadre italiane.

La Juventus di Melbourne si è imposta, anche se di misura, alla capolistina in vetta alla classifica, il Brisbane City è saltato al comando della classifica anche grazie alla insperata vittoria degli azzurri del Brisbane City sull'altra capolistina South Melbourne Hellas, mentre la Juventus di Adelaide si è scesa a Melbourne a prendersi l'intera posta da quel George Crosse che da sei mesi fa aveva fatto fare una gran brutta figura ai cugini bianconeri.

Dopo questo spettacolare e pieno la Juventus di Melbourne si trova solitaria in vetta alla classifica, il Brisbane City è appena un punto fuori dalle prime cinque poltrone che danno diritto alle finis l'Adelaide City Juventus si è agganciata al gruppetto di metà classifica (anche se ufficialmente è penultima, ma solo di punti dalla sesta in classifica).

Peccato che la prossima settimana gli azzurri di Brisbane dovranno venire a fare i conti con la Juventus di Melbourne e che perciò dovranno marciare il passo di fronte all'imbattibile squadra di Margaris.

Imbattibile la Juventus di Melbourne lo è sicuramente (non perde da nove settimane), ma ciò non significa che è irresistibile nonostante le due ultime vittorie contro l'Heidelberg contro il Croia.

La vittoria sull'Heidelberg era stata conquistata da una Juventus veramente grande ed autoritaria che aveva dominato in lungo ed in largo dall'inizio alla fine grazie ad un superlativo centrocamp (Incantalupe, Wade e Cullen) e Petersen che aveva giocato a tutto campo facilitando il compito della difesa e dando manforte all'attacco. In quella partita l'impostazione tipica del 4-2-2 non era in effetti esistita in campo perché i centrocampisti avevano ricoperto anche il ruolo di mezzepunte con il risultato che la Juventus aveva attaccato sempre con almeno tre uomini e a volte con quattro e anche cinque.

Quella era stata la più bella Juventus vista quest'anno: aveva fatto gioco, aveva dato spettacolo, aveva segnato, aveva dominato a piacimento prendendo l'iniziativa dal fischio d'apertura a conservandola ininterrottamente per tutta la partita, forti di una classe individuale che nessun'altra squadra può vantare.

Che la Juventus fosse una squadra lo si sapeva da tempo, contro l'Heidelberg aveva finalmente dimostrato di essere capace di giocare come una squadra, di non essere mai disuniti tutti i malcosti del tifoso sul suo comportamento quasi incolore inalcune precedenti prestazioni. Che l'Heidelberg, con una formazione rimaneggiata, non fosse una grande squadra non minimeva il merito perché la Juventus aveva appunto vinto così nettamente da risultare di almeno una classe superiore alla formazione ellenica.

Domenica scorsa è "riuscita" a battere anche il Croia ed a conquistare il primato in classifica, quindi sarebbe semplicemente il caso di dire "Viva la Juventus" e cominciare a pregustarsi il sapore del primo scudetto bianconero dopo quello del lontano 1970.

Invece, pur rallegrandoci per il risultato, non pensiamo sia il caso di abbandonarsi a facili entusiasmi, ma piuttosto di vedere se è proprio tutto oro quello che luccica.

Rispetto alla formazione che aveva battuto così? Chiaramente l'Heidelberg, la Juventus che si è imposta sul Croia è una squadra di rendimento molto più modesto per la diversa impostazione tattica messa in mostra; ancora una volta la preoccupazione di non perdere ha fatto funzionare il quasi perfetto macchinario della Juventus ad un regime ridotto. Per la maggior parte della partita la squadra è stata frenata da un rigido 4-2-2 che ha tenuto stretti e Cullen isolati in zona d'attacco mentre Incantalupe sembrava incolore alla sua difesa e Petersen si ingarbugliava in un fazzoletto a centrocampo. Wade e Miranovic avevano palloni avanti, ma raramente si portavano in zona di tiro permettendo alla rimaneggiata difesa croata di controllare agevolmente le due punte senza nessuna area da sfruttare le occasioni create dalla testuggine Sweeney.

Di cosa avesse paura la Juventus non lo si riesce a capire perché dall'attacco croata mancava il giovane Mokvov, Gary Ward ha raramente toccato la palla e l'inconcludente House non poteva essere un pericolo da prendere sul serio, tanto è vero che è stato sostituito da un Curcio non ancora in perfetta condizioni fisiche ed ormai da anni un difensore puro.

Rispetto al Croia che aveva battuto l'Hellas la settimana prima, i rossoneri senza un attacco degno di tale nome (e da tener presente che l'Hellas Intale occasione era spazza Murphy e McDowell ed aveva perso Yzendoora 25 minuti dalla fine rimanendo indifesi).

Perciò il Croia di domenica scorsa non era di molto

superiore all'Heidelberg della settimana prima, con la differenza però che mentre con quest'ultima la Juventus era innalzata da una classe superiore, con il Croia è invece allo stesso livello di mediocrità rinunciando a far valere la sua classe ed a prendere l'iniziativa.

La vittoria è arrivata quasi per caso, grazie ad un tiro senza convinzione di Petersen, spintosi avanti per miracolo, che è riuscito ad infilarsi fra una selva di gambe; altre occasioni mancate di poco portano la firma a Incantalupe, anch'egli spintosi in avanti raramente. Il goal avrebbe anche potuto non arrivare, mentre non sarebbe stato il caso di gridare allo scandalo se il pallone fosse entrato nel'altra rete almeno una volta.

E' innegabile che la Juventus fosse stata di misura la migliore squadra in campo e che avesse creato più occasioni da reti del Croia, ma la partita poteva andare da una parte o dall'altra e finire in un salomonico pareggio.

Secondo noi la Juventus ha rischiato "di non vincere" con una condotta di gara troppo acritica rispetto al reale valore dell'avversario. Il fatto che il risultato abbia dato ragione a Margaris non significa molto per quel che riguarda la vittoria di campionato perché lo scudetto non sarà conquistato dalla squadra che avrà incamerato più punti alla fine del campionato, ma da quella capace di vincere partite negli ultimi diretti fra le prime cinque del girone e la vincitrice del torneo finale del girone settentrionale.

Non perdendo a tutti i costi, e vincendo quando capita, la Juventus finirà sicuramente nelle primissime posizioni della classifica, ma lo scudetto lo vedrà con il binocolo se non entro nell'ordine di idee di vincere tutti i costi dopo secondo i suoi grandi mezzi.

Sia ben chiaro, non vogliamo minimamente sminuire il merito della squadra e di Margaris (tanto di cappello anche a Tony Schiavelli per avere insistito a comprare quattro fuoriclasse, nonostante le finanze non fossero proprio esemplari), vogliamo soltanto dire (anzi ripetere fino alla noia) che la Juventus vale molto di più di quello che mette in mostra e che è forte abbastanza da poter giocare con più convinzione, quasi con disprezzo per avversarie che le arrivano fino al ginocchio.

Giocando appunto con maggior convinzione dei propri mezzi la Juventus è di una spazza superiore alle altre squadre del girone meridionale al momento, solo Croia e Hellas, una volta tornate alle formazioni ideali, potrebbero contrastarle il passo con-

qualche possibilità di successo.

Ma se la vittoria in campo è stata stentata contro il Croia, la vittoria sugli spalti dei tifosi bianconeri è stata nettissima. Finalmente, crediamo sia questa la prima volta, la tifoseria juventina ha fatto passare in secondo ordine la rumorosa tifoseria avversaria. Armati di trombe, tamburi, trombette e bandiere giovani juventini, guidati dal "vecchio direttore d'orchestra" Chiodo, hanno veramente acceso gli spalti dello stadio e creato quell'atmosfera trionfalistica e festosa che trascina il pubblico e sprona la squadra. Well done boys!

Domenica prossima all'Olympic ci aspettiamo una Juventus più decisa di domenica scorsa nel derby italiano che acquista ancor maggior interesse a causa dello stato di grazia che sta attraversando il Brisbane City e la grande curiosità per il suo nuovo brasiliano, di origine italiana, Leteri.

Nel girone settentrionale prepotente vittoria del Marconi in trasferta a Penrith; i granata si sono così appostati ad un punto dal capolistina Croia e sperano che cugini dell'APIA riusciranno a fare il miracolo fermando la formazione di Odravok e Rozic domenica prossima.

Per questa settimana l'APIA è incappata in una giornata nera cedendo nettamente al Blacktown, mentre l'Inter Monaro non ce l'ha fatta contro il Newcastle.

LEGA STATALE

f2. Dopo la grande prova della settimana scorsa, pro i campioni incarica del Morwell, il Fawkner ha accusato un altro calo riuscendo a mala pena a portarsi a casa un punto dalcampo del Box Hill. Il Morwell ha invece dimostrato che la batosta presa dal Fawkner è stato un episodio isolato imponendosi con un neto 3-1 sul Polonia.

Il Thomastown, decimato da infortuni, ha perso in casa con l'Albion TugGucc guidato dal nuovo tecnico Tommy Traynor, già sfortunato allenatore della Juventus all'inizio dell'anno.

Un proposito di ex allenatori juventini, da notare il ritorno all'attività di Tony Boggi alla guida dell'Ivanhoe City è sostituzione del dimissionario Epifanio. La squadra lucana, con un buon parco di giovani giocatori ed un ottimo comitato presieduto da Tony De Luca, è il club ideale per un allenatore dal passato illustre che intende tornare sulla breccia per amore dello sport che, tutto sommato, gli ha dato grandi soddisfazioni.

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Ο Μανώλης Πουλακάκης είναι πάλι κοντά μας μετά από παραμονή 3 έτη στην "Σαλάδα" όπου εργάστηκε σαν τεχνικός ήγης για ένα διάστημα στην Κόρινθο. Ο συμπαθής "δάσκαλος" πήρε πολλές εμπειρίες στο διάστημα αυτό και γενικά μάς έδωσε μία εικόνα του σημερινού ποδοσφαίρου στην πατρίδα.

Αυτό όμως που λέει με πίκρα είναι τα κυνήγια που υπάρχουν στις ομάδες καβάς και την διαίτησά.

"Για παράδειγμα - μου είπε - μία μεγάλη ομάδα μας... διοικεί αρκετούς συλλόγους που κατ'άδελφον ακολουθούν τη γραμμή της".

Αρκίζει και κτηνιάρι ο Πιρηνέας

Ο πρόεδρος του Σίδνεϋ "Ολμπικ" ο φίλος μας και πανέμπικος Πιρ Πιρηνέας άρχισε να κλείνει στόματα.

Ήδη εξασφάλισε ένα κυνηγό από την τακτική ομάδα της Σέλιτ της Σκωτίας.

Πρόκειται για τον Ντ.Πρόβαν που θα τον δούμε στην τελική της ομάδας του για το Κύπελλο Σκωτίας κόντρα με την "Αμπερνθυ".

ΣΕ ΚΑΛΗ ΠΟΡΕΙΑ Ο ΘΕΩΔΩΡΑΚΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ

Η θεραπεία του Νίκου Θεωδωρακόπουλου του Σίδνεϋ "Ολμπικ", βρίσκεται σε καλό στάδιο και σύντομα θα βγάλει τον γόφο. Ο ίδιος ο παίκτης με τηλεφωνήμα του, μάς είπε ότι είναι άπληστο ικανοποιημένος και οι τελευταίες πλάκες που έβγαλε έδειξαν ότι όλα πάνε καλά.

Optimizam je uno i trener Ilie Rocco kad je rekao: "Moramo da pobedimo, jer ova dva boda odlucuju sudbinu JUST-a u Nacionalnoj ligi".

Rezultat je mogao biti obrnut, jer Green Gully muski borio do zadnjeg trenutka, ali ovo je bio dan kada se sportska sreca stavila na stranu JUST-a. "Plavi" su smanjili razliku na 4 boda od Green Gully Ajaksa i George Crossa, protiv koga igraju u gostima sledece nedelje. Utakmica se igra na Chaplin Reserve u Sunshine.

Dan je bio idealan za fudbal prolećne nedelje, a poseta skoro rekordna za JUSTove prilike. Posteno su se odazivali navijaci, a jos postenje su se odulizili igrači svojih gostidja, jer tog dana bio je pravi festival fudbala na igralistu JUST-a.

Scriti pobjeda i trijumf otvorili su malisani ispod 12 godina, koji su za juniorski kup pobjedili Croydon sa 2:0 (1:0) u sledećem sastavu: S. Volf, S. Mladenovic, G. Stankovski, G. Briskovic, N. Trajkovski, N. Antovski, A. Pasalic, P. Stojcevic, D. Gajdic, D. Minoski, N. Milenkovic, N. Zudjelovic, M. Dragovic, Strelci: Denis Minoski i Nebojsa Milenkovic.

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Ήδη ο γράφον μάλιστα με ήγέτι από έλληνα νική με ομάδα, ο οποίος έδειξε άπληστο ενδιαφέρον και σε λίγες μέρες θα μάθου με τις άπαιτήσεις του πρώην Μελβουρνιά τη κακία.

Η ΑΛΤΟΝΑ ΠΡΟΗΓΗΘΗΚΕ ΑΛΛΑ ΤΟ ΚΕΛΗ ΠΗΡΕ ΤΟ "Ι" ΜΕ ΤΟΝ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΙΟ ΙΡΒΑΝ (55'- 75')

Εκτός έδρας το "Ατλη με την "Αλτόνα" Σίτυ βρέθηκε δύο φορές να χάνει αλλά κατάφερε να ισοφαρίσει και να πάρει ένα πολύτιμο βαθμό.

Η "Αλτόνα προηγήθηκε 1-0 και στην συνέχεια έχασε, πέναλτυ.

Ο Ιρβαν ισοφάρισε στο 55' Ι-Ι για να περάσουν οι γηπεδούχοι πάλι μπροστά αλλά πάλι ο Ιρβαν στο 75' έκανε το τελικό 2-2.

Η σύνθεση: Τολλόν, Στοιγιάνου, Κριτσιλός (πρώτος κόκκινος στο 46'), Αλατάς (τραυματίστηκε και μεταφέρθηκε στο νοσοκομείο) Καλιφωτίδης, Μπατικίτσο, Κανάβας, Κοντοκόστας, Καραμπάτσος, Παλζάου, Ιρβαν, Καβαρίδης (Γκισόβιτς).

Η Β' ομάδα έφερε 2-2 (Ζοζέφου, Αλζόρ). Άς σημειωθεί ότι λόγω αποβολών έπαιξε με 8 παίκτες.

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Μία μεγάλη νίκη πήρε το Κάληλντ 4-0 επί του Γουτέρμου και ανεβαίνει δέκατος χωρίς τή σκαλοπάτια στον βαθμολογικό πίνακα.

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ΝΑΚΑ ΤΗΣ Α' ΤΟΥ ΒΙΚΤΟΡΙΑΝ ΛΗΓΚ.

Η έλληνα ημάδα ήταν άνώτερη σε όλο το διάστημα της συνάντησης και έχασε ευκαιρίες για μεγαλύτερο σκόρ.

Τά γκολ πέτυχαν οι Ζεμάνι(30'- 55') Τσαλβί(37') και Σαχινλόν(80').

Ήταν: Χάμ, Μπιτόνι, Τσιτιρίδης, Κουλίνας, Κούτος, Σοφράς, Αβραμ(55') Σαχινλόν, Αμανατίδης, Ζεμάνι, Φιλίππου, Σοπαλόν(θεοχαρίδης).

Από την νικήτρια δέν δώτερησε κανένας και όλα τα παιδιά πήσαν δόστα.

ΤΟ ΚΑΤΩΤΩΝ ΣΗΜΑΙΕΣ ΔΟΚΑΡΙΑ ΚΑΙ... Χ

Θαυμάσια άρχισε τον αγώνα τον έκτος έδρας το Κάλητον ΧΙΛ με το Μπράντον και στο Α' μέρος έχασε πολλές ευκαιρίες για να περάσει στο σκόρ μπροστά.

Η τήχη όμως και τα δοκάρια έσωσαν το Μπράντον που με την σειρά του είχε ένα δοκάρη και μία καλή ευκαιρία.

Τά παιδιά του Κάλητον χωρίς πάλι τον άρρωστο Στρατάκη και φυσικά τον Πελέγρινο που έχει το πόδι του στον γόφο, έπαιξαν καλό ποδόσφαιρο αλλά τελικά έμειναν στην λευκή ισοπαλία άνευ τερμάτων.

Ήταν οι Κόργιος, Μυστριώτης, Καράλλης, Τυρκιός, Απορέντζι, Γκίλλης, Παπαγεωργίου, Πετρεδούλου, Φάκος(75' Ν. Απορέντζι) Ανδριώτης και Χρόνης.

Η ΚΑΡΠΙΝΤΑ ΔΕΝ ΠΑΝΕΤΑΙ

Η Κάρπιντα με 3-0 νίκησε και το Σέντ-Ραλ Σίτυ στην έδρα της και έξφυγε τάρτα 2 βαθμούς μπροστά στον πίνακα της Α' κατηγορίας του προβιζιοναλ.

Η έρυθρολευκή ομάδα μας ήταν καλύτερη σε όλο το διάστημα και πέτυχε τή γκολ με τους Μ. Χαράλδου(18' και 80') και Ουγκλιν(77').

Δέν δώτερησε κανένας και έπαιξαν οι: Ίωαννιδής, Κωνσταντίνου, Σεζής, Κοντέσι, Π. Αποστολίδου, Ουγκλίνης, Χέλις, Α. Χαράλδους, Νίτσιος, Μ. Χαράλδους, Γκρίγκας(Κούτσος).

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Τά παιδιά τός Σπρινκβέλλ πραγματικά πετόσαν και πέτυχαν τή γκολ της μεγάλης νίκης με τός Μ. Τούζο 2 (25' και 70') και Κατσορς τός 78' της συνάντησης.



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NEPOUZDANA MAKEDONICA

Prestao je obicaj da nas Makedonija svake nedelje iznenadi promenljivom igrom i formom. Kad se ocekuje poraz ili tesan rezultat, igrači Makedonije rasture protivnika i obratno. U Adelaide Makedonija je imala dva lica. Jedno, vedro i nasmejano u prvom poluvremenu, kada je domaćin bio potpuno nadigran, ali od brojnih prilika napadači u "crveno-crnim" dresovima iskoristili su samo jednu. Posle odmora, igrači Makedonije su stali kao da su ršili sve probleme na ovom svetu. West Adelaide je za nepunih 10 minuta posle odmora postigao tri gola i pravo je cudno kako nije dao jos najmanje peti, toliko je Makedonija bila razbije-

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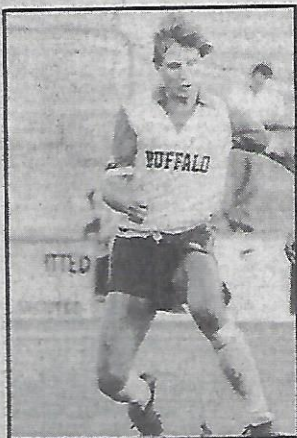
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NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE

ROUND 11 18-19 May

SOUTHERN DIVISION



JEFF FAULKNER

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS

VS

FOOTSCRAY JUST

at CHAPLIN RESERVE
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:
SUNSHINE
GEORGE CROSS
VS
FOOTSCRAY JUST
12.45

PRESTON MAKEDONIA

VS

GREEN GULLY

at CONNOR RESERVE
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:
PRESTON MAKEDONIA
VS
GREEN GULLY
12.45



GARY COLE



ANGIE POSTECOGLU

STH MELB HELLAS

VS

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS

at MIDDLE PARK
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:
STH MELB HELLAS
VS
FRANKSTON PINES
12.45

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS

VS

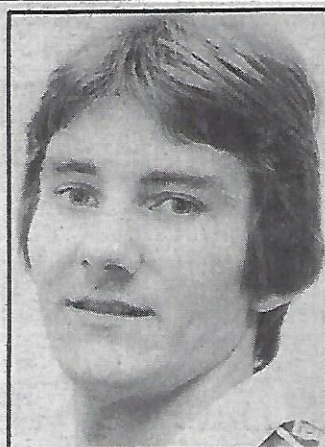
BRISBANE CITY

at OLYMPIC PARK No. 2
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME —
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS
VS
CROYDON CITY
12.45



PETER LEWIS



ALAN NIVEN

BRISBANE LIONS

VS

MELBOURNE CROATIA

at RICHLANDS
3pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:
NUNAWADING CITY
VS
MELBOURNE CROATIA
AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED

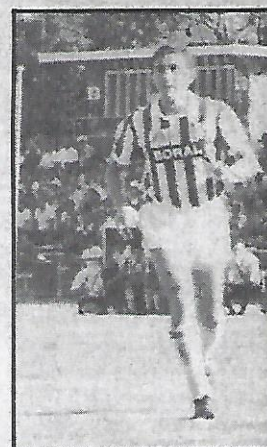
ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS

VS

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER

at OLYMPIC SPORTS FIELD
2.30 pm SUNDAY

YOUTH GAME:
FAWKNER
VS
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER
AT VENUE TO BE ANNOUNCED



FORTU COSTANZO

NORTHERN DIVISION

APIA LEICHHARDT vs SYDNEY CROATIA

at LAMBERT PARK 3 pm SUNDAY

MARCONI vs SYDNEY OLYMPIC

at MARCONI STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY

NEWCASTLE ROSEBUD vs PENRITH CITY

at ADAMSTOWN OVAL 2.30 pm SATURDAY

ST GEORGE vs INTER MONARO

at ST GEORGE STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY

CANBERRA OLYMPIANS vs SYDNEY CITY

at NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE 3pm SUNDAY

BLACKTOWN CITY vs WOLLONGONG CITY

at GABBIE STADIUM 3pm SUNDAY